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## 'Fitial to meet with lawmakers'

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial plans to meet with lawmakers at a time when House members are now weighing the minority bloc's pre-filed resolution to impeach the governor for 16 acts of corruption, neglect of duty, and corruption, including those in connection with a no-bid 25-year \$190-million power purchase agreement.

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Fitial is expected to return to the CNMI today, after three weeks of official and personal trips to Hawaii, American Samoa, Florida, and Boise, Idaho.

"The governor plans to meet with law-

makers to address any concerns they have," press secretary Angel Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, when asked whether the governor has a message to lawmakers who are still undecided on whether to vote "yes" or "no" to the impeachment resolution.

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### CHILD-FRIENDLY

A family of tourists spends quality time at the Kid's Club pool at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan on Saturday. Tourist arrivals increased by 25 percent, or from 23,604 in June 2011 to 29,402 in June this year buoyed mainly by arrivals from the main tourism markets of Japan and Korea, the Marianas Visitors Authority said last week. Fiscal year-to-date arrivals are up 14 percent to 286,300 visitors, and the growth trend is expected to continue.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

### 'Freedom Air's Rota flights derailed'

Direct daily passenger flights to and from Rota have been derailed since Saturday because Freedom Air's main aircraft that can carry some 30 passengers encountered mechanical problems, according to Rota lawmakers. Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) said that Freedom Air's Saipan manager Dennis Cruz informed him about the aircraft's mechanical problem yesterday afternoon.

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## For some jobless alien workers, it's the end of the road

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Niranjan Chandramondal, 39, received from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services a notice of denial of his parole-in-place request for humanitarian reason,

which he said is his unpaid wages of more than \$9,500 dating back to the latter part of the '90s.

The former security guard said he still wishes to remain in the CNMI, hence his application for hu-

manitarian parole. He said there's an employer wanting to hire him but because his parole request was denied and he can no longer apply for employment authorization, his plans are now at a

standstill.

He said he received the denial notice from USCIS in January.

But others such as Danilo Riveral, 58, just recently received a decision on their humanitarian parole request. He said he

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# Local

## 'Mechanical problem derails Freedom Air's Rota flights'

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Rota lawmakers said yesterday that daily, direct passenger flights to and from Rota have been derailed since Saturday because Freedom Air's main aircraft that they say can carry some 30 passengers encountered mechanical problems.

Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) has scheduled a meeting today of the Senate Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee with Freedom Air for an update about the carrier's situation. The PUTC panel will also call in officials

from the Commonwealth Development Authority because of Freedom Air's loan proposal with CDA for the airline to stay float.

"We want to know when they expect the air craft to be fixed, or whether it's being fixed as we speak because it has been affecting residents going to or from Rota. We also want to know whether Freedom Air will be able to get help from CDA," Ayuyu told *Saipan Tribune*.

Ayuyu, chairman of the PUTC Committee and the Rota Legislative Delegation, said that Freedom Air's Saipan manager Dennis Cruz informed him about the aircraft's mechanical

problem yesterday afternoon.

Cruz, when contacted, said he would later talk to the media. As of press time, Cruz had yet to comment on the issue.

Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) separately said yesterday she hopes Freedom Air "will be provided the necessary financial assistance so that it can continue to provide dependable and reliable direct air service to and from Rota as it has always done."

Santos was referring to Freedom Air's pending loan application with CDA. But she said there are other financial institutions that could also extend financial help or loan to Freedom

Air, including the Marianas Public Land Trust.

Freedom Air's downed 30-seater aircraft, according to lawmakers, flies daily between Rota and Saipan. It's not known as of yesterday whether Freedom Air's smaller air craft that can seat only four to five passengers has been used since Saturday.

Cape Air, meanwhile, provides flights to Rota on Wednesdays and Fridays only, but they go through Guam before flying to Rota from Saipan and back.

Lawmakers said since Saturday, there's been no airline passenger and mail service to and from Rota.

In July, Freedom Air spokesperson Amjad Farhoud said the interisland carrier needs an additional \$600,000 loan from CDA to allow it to continue its operations for the next six months.

Farhoud told members of CDA's Development Corporation Division board that Freedom Air will use the money to buy airplane engine spare parts to avoid shutting down its services when the plane breaks down.

Freedom Air applied for a \$2.9 million loan, but CDA approved only \$900,000 in March this year. Freedom Air said the amount is not enough to cover the priority expenditures, adding that its attempts to seek loans from private banks were unsuccessful because of lack of asset/collateral to back up the loan proposal.



### TSL DONATION

United Filipino Organization president Bong Malasarte, Cosmos Distributing Co. operations manager Ladyvir Canape, and UFO public relations officer James Galvez prepare the grocery items donated by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation at the Cosmos and D&Q warehouse in Lower Base on Thursday. The items will be donated to flood victims in the Philippines.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

## \$100K bond imposed on Corrections officer facing 'ice' and gun charges

The federal court has imposed a \$100,000 appearance bond for the temporary release of Jesse Reyes Babauta, a Corrections officer facing eight charges of drug trafficking and carrying a gun during drug transactions.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona last week ordered that the appearance bond be secured by a real property mortgage plus many other conditions.

Babauta is restricted to his home at all times; be subject to monitoring; submit to drug testing; and should not possess a firearm or other weapon, among other conditions.

Manglona agreed with defense counsel Michael Dotts that strict conditions may be placed on the suspect to ensure his court appearance.

The judge determined that Babauta has shown enough proof that he won't be a flight risk and a danger to the community.

In support of the motion for release while awaiting trial, Dotts said his client is neither a flight risk nor a danger to the

community. On the contrary, Dotts said that Babauta is a Corrections officer with substantial ties to the community.

He said Babauta is not addicted to drugs or alcohol and has never been previously arrested for a drug-related offense.

Dotts said that Babauta's wife, a Chinese national, is eight months pregnant and is expected to give birth anytime.

Given the crisis at the Commonwealth Health Center, Dotts said that now is an important time for Babauta to be able to take care of his wife and soon-to-be-born child.

"It is common knowledge that CHC is in a state of emergency with clinics being closed and doctors and nurses threatening to quit over the failure of CHC to pay wages. It is not unimaginable that if Babauta's wife goes into labor with no one to speak for her or assist her, the consequences could be tragic," the lawyer said.

Dotts pointed out that there are no allegations that Babauta ever used violence or the threat of violence in effectuating the alleged drug transactions.

In the U.S. government's opposition to Babauta's release, assistant U.S. attorney Ross K. Naughton said the suspect has not produced sufficient evidence to overcome the presumption of danger to the community.

Naughton said that while in custody, on Aug. 23, 2012, Babauta threw a basketball at a Corrections officer and approached him, saying, "What?" in a harsh tone. Naughton said that Babauta acted as though he was going to punch the Corrections officer.

The Corrections officer attempted to handcuff Babauta but the defendant allegedly held on to the Corrections officer's hands and made as though to take him down to the floor, saying things like "You don't scare me" and "See what I can do."

Naughton said the altercation only ended when the Corrections officer took out his pepper spray.

By assaulting a Corrections officer while in custody, Babauta has demonstrated a willingness to "arbitrarily engage in dangerous behavior," despite his wife's pregnancy

or any other family concern, Naughton said.

The indictment charged Babauta with one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine; four counts of distribution of methamphetamine; one count of distribution of methamphetamine in or near school grounds; one count of using, carrying, or possessing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence or drug trafficking crime; and one count of possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number.

According to the indictment, the suspect conspired with other persons to distribute "ice" from June 2010 until Aug. 22, 2012, in one instance within 1,000 feet of Mount Carmel School.

In another instance, Babauta allegedly carried and used a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolver with an obliterated serial number during a drug transaction.

Babauta was also allegedly found in possession of a Colt .38 caliber revolver with a removed, altered, and obliterated serial number. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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## Tinian Summer Tour Products



Today (Sept. 4) the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and three Korean travel agency partners wrap up a two-month travel trade campaign aimed at increasing travel to Tinian.

The Tinian Products Ad Support Program aimed to increase awareness of Tinian as one of the best summer vacation destinations in the world and to promote and sell Tinian tour packages.



DD Tour placed three ads in two newspapers, *Hankyoreh Newspaper* and *Kyunghyang Newspaper* in early July. Yellow Balloon Tour also promoted the campaign from early to mid-July under the G-market travel category, also providing a special gift as part of the package tour.

Mode Tour launched the image ad at Nam-young subway station in early July and completed their promotion this month.

Through the latest available statistics as of June this fiscal year, visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands are up 17 percent compared to the same period last year.



This Tourism Tuesday space is provided by Saipan Tribune

# PSS all set for the opening of classes today

- Over 400 teachers, 20 buses ready for 10K plus students
- 3 schools expect overcrowding in classrooms

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Despite ongoing budget problems and other challenges being experienced by the Public School System, Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ph.D., assured yesterday that classes in 19 campuses, Head Start centers, and early intervention programs will resume today on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that PSS expects to accommodate over 10,000 students when classes open.

She also disclosed that three schools will have some difficulties beginning today because they expect bigger class sizes due to a lack of teachers. These are Kagman Elementary School, which will have two grades in double sessions (5th and 6th grades) and the two biggest public schools, Marianas High School and Hop-

## 'Fitial violates Constitution for causing Fund's lack of quorum'

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's failure to abide by the CNMI Constitution to ensure that the NMI Retirement Fund has a quorum further illustrates the need for the federal court's intervention, according to the lawyers for two unnamed retirees.

Attorneys Bruce Jorgensen, Stephen C. Woodruff, and Robert M. Hatch, counsels for the unnamed retirees, asserted that the Fund board's lack of quorum is Fitial's fault.

The CNMI Constitution mandates that within 90 days of a vacancy on the Fund board, the governor must appoint a replacement, said the lawyers.

The law that created the Fund provides that the Fund's board must have seven trustees. The same statute provides that four members shall constitute a quorum, allowing the board to conduct official business.

In violation of the CNMI Constitution, the lawyers said, Fitial has refused to re-appoint trustees or nominate anyone to fill three current vacancies knowing that he renders the Fund unable to act.

"The Fund's lack of quorum is an intentional act of the governor's own doing in violation of the CNMI Constitution," the lawyers said.

Without a quorum, the Fund also cannot authorize Fund board counsel Braddock Huesman to act as the Fund's lawyer, so his response should be stricken.

The lawyers said Huesman's response shows the need for

wood Junior High School.

"Right now, it appears that these three schools would really have some difficulties because we're not able to replace the vacant positions so they lack teachers and will accommodate very large class sizes beginning today," said Sablan.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that both MHS and Hopwood expect about 1,400 enrollees this year, yet has only a little over 30 classroom teachers, resulting in a very high students-to-teachers ratio—up to more than 40 students per teacher.

Due to the limited budget allocated it by the local government, PSS has suspended the hiring of personnel until a new budget is approved. PSS currently has only a little over 400 classroom teachers for their kindergarten and high school students.

Sablan earlier disclosed that PSS is short of 87 teachers this

school year and vacant posts will only be filled once the fiscal year 2013 budget of \$33 million is approved.

Other than these issues, Sablan said that "everybody is in good spirits" and teachers are aware that they're going to have a little bit more students than in past years.

During summer, teachers, and school administrators underwent a two-week leadership institute to better equip and prepare them for new school year.

Sablan said that school buses and vans are also set to transport students today.

"It's all about safety again. So we're reminding everyone to be on the lookout and really watch out for pedestrians. We do ask everybody's support and cooperation as we begin classes today with 10,000-plus kids," she said.

Jack Sablan, acting PSS pupil transportation manager, said yesterday that 20 buses and 10 minivans for children with disabilities are ready to transport students.

Jack Sablan said that 16 buses with 66-seat capacity and eight minivans for special education students are assigned on Saipan. For Tinian and Rota schools, each island has two 66-seat capacity buses and one minivan each for chil-

dren with disabilities.

The fleet, according to him, is a combination of new and old buses.

For Saipan alone, Sablan said two additional buses are "on standby" for any fleet that will experience mechanical trouble, while in operation. PSS has 20 bus drivers.

Sablan said drivers are due to report for work at 6:30am to get ready for their rollup at 6:40am. For elementary students, the first pickup is at 7am in time for their classes at 8am. For junior and high school students, first pickup is at 7:30am in time for classes at 8:30am.

According to Jack Sablan, if the new budget allows it, he will recommend hiring two more

drivers. He also cited the convenience of using the state-of-the-art bus depot, which includes an in-house mechanic shop.

PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh also disclosed last week that the school breakfast and lunch program is set for the beginning of classes today.

In fact, the distribution of meals already started two weeks ago when private schools began classes. The school breakfast and lunch meal program is a federally funded program that also covers private schools and day care centers.

Thornburgh said the following are the number of meals expected to be served this year: for public schools, 11,000; private schools, 1,100; Head Start, 465; and day care centers, 200.

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# High Court rules that 3-percent bonus unconstitutional

On Aug. 30, 2012, the Commonwealth Supreme Court issued a ruling in *Board of Trustees of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund v. Martin B. Ada*, holding unconstitutional a 3-percent retirement bonus previously afforded to various public officials via statute, as well as the availability to Martin B. Ada of "double-dipping" benefits afforded pursuant to the NMI Constitution.

The NMI Legislature created the 3-percent retirement bonus through Public Law 6-17 in 1989. The bonus was calculated at "three percent times [the] average annual salary times [the] years of service" and benefited certain Retirement Fund members, including "governors, Commonwealth trial court judges, lieutenant governors, may-

ors, members of the Legislature and resident representatives to the United States." Though the bonus was repealed in 2003 by Public Law 13-60, Ada claimed benefits for the years when he was a legislator and the bonus was in effect.

The "double-dipping" benefits are attributable to a provision contained in Article III, Section 20 of the NMI Constitution, where a retiree may collect both salary and retirement benefits for up to 60 days per year if the retiree becomes re-employed.

In holding the 3-percent bonus unconstitutional, the Supreme Court noted that the bonus created a conflict of interest between the legislators and the public in violation of Article II, Section 15 of the NMI Constitution.

## High Court nixes appeal for lack of jurisdiction

On Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012, the Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision in *Friends of Marpi v. Commonwealth*. The Court dismissed the Commonwealth's appeal after determining that the Court did not have jurisdiction to hear the appeal at this point in time. Jurisdiction is the Court's power to hear and decide an issue.

Plaintiffs in this matter filed a complaint against the Commonwealth government, several of its agencies, and several Commonwealth officials. The complaint alleges several violations of both the Commonwealth Constitution and Commonwealth statutes that purport to protect the environment as well as historical places and things. On the same day they filed their lawsuit against the Commonwealth, plaintiffs moved for an order preventing the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. from installing power poles that would connect a public cemetery under construction in Marpi with its electrical grid.

The Superior Court granted plaintiffs' motion for a temporary restraining order. It then held a hearing on a preliminary injunction and granted it. The Commonwealth appealed the granting of the injunction.

Article IV, section 3 of the Commonwealth Constitution limits the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to judgments and orders that are final—called the final judgment rule. The preliminary injunction at issue in this appeal is not

final. The Court found that no exception to the final judgment rule applies in this particular case. Therefore, the Supreme Court held that it does not have the power to hear or decide the Commonwealth's appeal.

As part of its holding, the Court expressly overruled holdings in two of its earlier cases, *Pacific American Title Insurance & Escrow (CNMI), Inc. v. Anderson* and *Villanueva v. Tinian Shipping & Transportation, Inc.*, to the extent that those cases suggest the Court has jurisdiction to hear appeals of preliminary injunctions or otherwise has broad discretion to hear appeals that arise from orders that are not final. A holding is a court's determination of a matter of law pivotal to its decision, and also refers to a principle of law drawn from that decision. While the Court respects its prior decisions according to the doctrine of *stare decisis*—latin for "to stand by things decided"—the doctrine does not shield errors from correction. In both cases, the Court had inadvertently assumed jurisdiction over the appeals. Moreover, the holdings from both cases assuming non-final appellate review were effectively overruled by the Supreme Court in later cases that strictly applied the final judgment rule.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is *Friends of Marpi v. Commonwealth*, 2012 MP 9, and can be found at [http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme\\_12.htm](http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme_12.htm). (*NMI Judiciary*)

This conflict arose because the bonus the legislators approved only benefited a small group of individuals, of whom the legislators were part. The court further reasoned that it was "reasonable to conclude" that the interest of the legislators in the bonus conflicted with the interest of the general public in maintaining a solvent Fund.

The Supreme Court also addressed the remedy for this constitutional defect. The court first noted that the Fund and its members acted in good faith re-

liance upon the unconstitutional 3-percent bonus. Due to this good faith reliance on an unconstitutional statute, the Court held that members of the Fund who already received distributions were entitled to retain the distributions. The court held, however, that members who have not yet received the 3-percent bonus, including Ada, are "barred from receiving the bonus in the future."

Regarding the statute of limitations for recouping the "double-dipping" benefits, the court found that Ada is en-

titled to the benefits because the Fund failed to repudiate them until February 2008, at the earliest. Consequently, the Court concluded that Ada's claim for double-dipping benefits for the years 2000 through 2002 is not barred by the relevant six-year statute of limitations.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is *Board of Trustees of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund v. Martin B. Ada*, 2012 MP 10, and can be found at [http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme\\_12.htm](http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme_12.htm). (*NMI Judiciary*)



## MAG-12 EXERCISE

U.S. Marine Air Group-12's Lt. Col. Thomas E. Frederick and his team join CNMI historian Don Farrell, from the Tinian Mayor's Office, for a group photo during a briefing about another MAG-12 exercise on Tinian in November-December.

## FITIAL

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Demapan, at the same time, said he's not part of the group that went to Boise, Idaho, where an annual Labor Day softball tournament has been drawing hundreds of CNMI residents now living and working in the U.S.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), one of the seven sponsors of the impeachment resolution, said yesterday it won't be difficult to get at least 14 "yes" votes to impeach the governor "if only people can begin rallying behind us minority [bloc] and begin putting pressure on the leadership members."

"They can begin to do this when the next session is called at which time the impeachment resolution will be formally introduced," Dela Cruz said.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) said a session will be called this week, mainly to act on the Senate-amended 2013 budget bill. The speaker said he will form a special committee on impeachment once the resolution is formally introduced.

Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), one of two remaining lawmakers on island previously unavailable to comment on the impeachment issue, said yesterday that he has not taken a position on the matter.

"I don't have a decision yet. I want to wait for the special committee's report and recommendation first before I make a decision," he said in a phone interview.

He also said he will decline if and when the speaker asks him to become a member of that special committee on impeachment. Other House members previously asked the same question said they will accept the nomination if asked.

Iguel echoed Rep. Fred Deleon

Guerrero's (Ind-Saipan) concerns that "from the start, this impeachment process won't be fair and impartial" because some House members and the full Senate are plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the power purchase agreement.

"That doesn't make sense. I don't think there's going to be fair and impartial process because the Senate where conviction or not will take place already took a position on that agreement that is in the impeachment resolution. How else could they assure of a fair and impartial process? To me, once this resolution passes the House and goes to the Senate, the governor is as good as convicted," Iguel said.

As of yesterday, only eight House members said they will vote "yes" on the impeachment resolution.

At least 14 "yes" votes are needed from the 20-member House to impeach the governor. The majority or the House leadership is aligned with Fitial.

Lawmakers hope that Fitial will meet with all lawmakers, and not only with the members of the House leadership.

Fitial had already left the CNMI when news broke about the secretive power deal that has a guaranteed price of \$190.8 million and was signed a day before former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham left the island despite an order for him to appear in court two days later in connection with criminal charges filed against him.

Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan), one of two lawmakers who have so far said they will vote "no" on the impeachment resolution, said lawmakers should give Fitial a chance to meet with them so he could personally explain the power purchase agreement and others alleged in the resolution to impeach him.

The eight "yes" votes on the impeachment resolution so far are from the seven House minority bloc mem-

bers that pre-filed the impeachment resolution: Reps. Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), Tony Sablan (R-Saipan), Janet Maraita (Ind-Saipan), and Trenton Conner. The eighth "yes" vote will be from Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan).

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) will abstain from voting because of conflict of interest, while Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) is not expected to be back to the CNMI any time soon for medical reasons.

The other 10, just like Iguel, are either undecided or have yet to take a position on the matter.

At least six "yes" votes in the nine-member Senate will convict the governor.

Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), while not commenting on the issue of impeachment, said if Fitial will really meet with lawmakers, he would like to raise questions about his signing of the power purchase agreement with Saipan Development LLC.

"What is the significance of signing this agreement? Why? If the contract is good for the CNMI and CUC customers, then why was there no transparency in this process?" Ayuyu asked.

On Friday, a Superior Court judge issued a preliminary injunction that prohibits Fitial and co-defendants from pursuing the power purchase agreement.

Meanwhile, an online petition launched by Ed Propst calling on the Legislature to impeach Fitial has 635 supporters or signatures as of 7:30pm last night.

An informal survey by the *Saipan Tribune* asking if the House minority bloc will eventually have the numbers to impeach Fitial drew 180 "yes" votes and 79 "no" votes as of Sept. 2, 2012.

## JOBLESS

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applied for parole in late November 2011.

"It took them nine long months to decide and when they finally did, it was denial. I wish they decided much sooner because all the while, I thought it's going to be approved. What do I do now?" Riveral told *Saipan Tribune*.

Just like Chandramondal, Riveral said he still wants to stay in the CNMI.

"I consider the CNMI my home now. I have an employer willing to hire me full time and they were only waiting for my parole-in-place and employment authorization but after I received this denial notice in August, I don't know what to do anymore," he said.

They said their USCIS denial notices indicated that there's no significant humanitarian factors that would warrant the favorable exercise of discretion to grant them parole.

But even unemployed foreign work-

ers with minor U.S. citizen children—among those covered in Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's (Ind-MP) H.R. 1466—are also still waiting for a decision on their humanitarian parole application.

One of them is a mother of three minor U.S. citizen children. She said she applied for such parole in November 2011.

Rabby Syed, president of United Workers Movement-NMI, said USCIS should consider granting humanitarian parole to those who have yet to get their unpaid wages.

"It is inhumane to allow these workers to remain unpaid for years. I hope USCIS will reconsider its decision," Syed said.

Worker groups are currently holding a one-month vigil ending on Sept. 15 opposing the extension of the transitional Commonwealth-only worker program beyond Dec. 31, 2014, and calling instead for a grant of improved status to long-term, legal foreign workers in the CNMI.

Iguel echoed Rep. Fred Deleon

# Tinian, Rota lawmakers oppose proposed changes to dentistry rules

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Tinian and Rota lawmakers are opposing proposed amendments to the dentistry regulations, saying they are "too restrictive" for licensing health care professionals in the field of dentistry and will result in limited dental services to the community.

Members of the Rota and Tinian Legislative delegations, however, commended the CNMI Health Care Professionals Licensing Board's intent to establish clear and comprehensive regulations for dentists, specialists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, and dental assistants.

Tinian Legislative Delegation chair Senate Vice President Jude Hofsneider (R-Tinian) and Rota Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), along with the other members, raised concerns about two specific areas in the proposed rules.

Under the proposed amendments, only U.S. or Canadian educated and licensed hygienists will be allowed to clean patients' teeth.

This will prevent Philippine-trained dentists and dental hygienists who have passed Philippine board exams, and locally trained citizens who have taken HCPLB-sanctioned dental hygienist courses of training and exams, from cleaning teeth and administering non-life threatening procedures, the lawmakers told the licensing board.

They also said that with the hospital terminating its dental program, "uncertified" hygienists who have worked legally in this profession for years will be unable to work in the private

## CUC to install state-of-the-art customer info, billing systems

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REPORTER

Improvements in the services of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is anticipated in the coming weeks after the agency contracted a company that will implement a state-of-the-art customer information system and utility billing solution.

CUC, in a statement, said that it selected Harris' inHance, a subsidiary of Constellation Software Inc., to install the new software that will replace the over 20-year-old system at the agency.

"The new inHance system will improve significantly the services CUC offers its customers including such things like online billing and payment, vastly more information on monthly bills (including historical usage), and automated online dispatching of field crews," said the CUC statement.

The project is funded by a Department of the Interior technical assistance grant.

According to CUC, Harris is a

sector because of the board's new requirements.

"As a comparison to this proposed scenario, the CNMI currently allows nurses, who are not educated and trained in the U.S., to deal with life-threatening medical situations, work in the ER [emergency room] and give injections," the lawmakers said in an Aug. 22 letter to the licensing board.

The lawmakers also said the proposed restrictions will greatly affect Rota and Tinian, as well as low-income residents throughout the CNMI who do not have access to U.S.-certified dental clinics.

"Furthermore, this will create a monopoly for the few dental clinics who do already have established U.S. training connections," they said.

The lawmakers' second main concern is the licensing board's proposed regulation allowing dental therapists to be foreign trained, but not dental hygienists and dentists.

"Many Philippine-trained dentists start their careers in the U.S./CNMI as dental hygienists, and this practice will discontinue with the proposed HCPLB regulations," the lawmakers told the board.

They also said that the CNMI, like places in isolated parts of Alaska, depends on dental therapist to perform basic dental procedures under indirect supervision, including performing emergency examinations, basic fillings, x-ray interpretations, and simple pain-reducing treatments, until further care can be administered by a dentist.

"Dental therapists should not replace dentists, nor should they be restricted to a role similar

to a dental assistant. Please review these comments and make modifications to your proposed regulations where necessary to accommodate our residents and avoid sacrificing their need for

proper dental care," the lawmakers added.

Besides Hofsneider and Ayuyu, the other signatories to the letter were Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), Sen.

Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), and Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian).

The Health Care Professions Licensing Board issued in August a public notice about its

proposed amendments to the regulations for dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, dental assistants, and acupuncturists in the Vol. 34, No. 07, July 29, 2012 publication of the *Commonwealth Register*. The notice allowed for a 30-day public comment period.

## TO UNDERSTAND NATURE OF CHARGES Ex-WPS principal needs more time

Former Whispering Palms School principal Thomas Weindl has informed the federal court that he needs more time to understand the nature of the U.S. government's case against him.

Weindl, through counsel David G. Banes, and assistant U.S. attorney Rami Badawy, agreed to postpone the jury trial—currently set for Oct. 1, 2012—to

a later date and time convenient to the court and the parties.

Banes said the parties are still conducting discovery, made complicated by the allegedly illicit material involved in the case that could only be viewed at the U.S. Attorney's Office, under the supervision of FBI agents and U.S. attorneys.

Banes said the suspect, who

is currently in jail, wishes to be present and needs to have his computer expert present as well as his counsel.

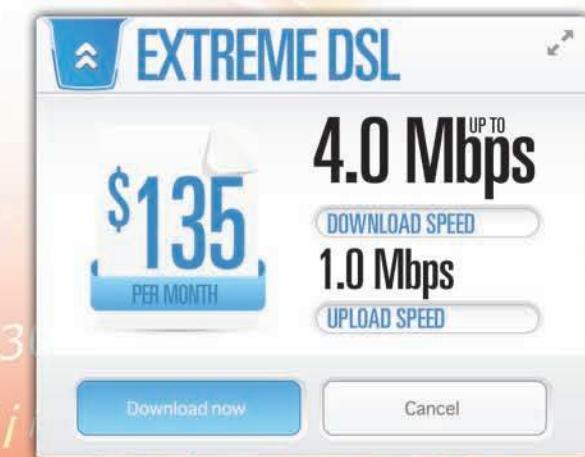
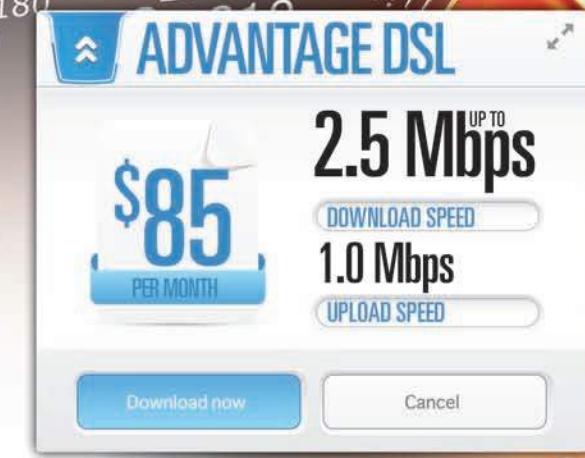
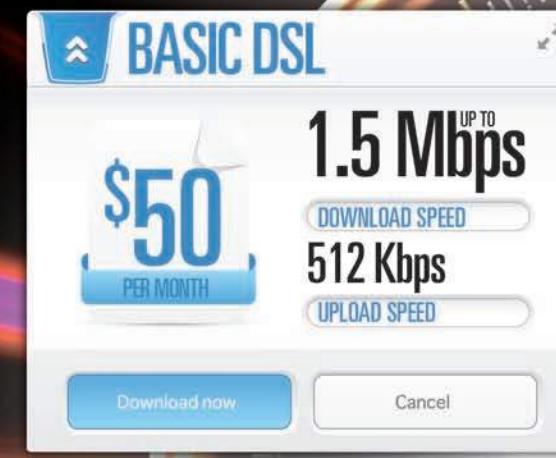
"[Weindl] requires more time in order to have a reasonable opportunity to understand the nature of the government's case, review the available evidence through an expert, and discuss his case with defense counsel," Banes said.

He said the results of these discussions may impact the nature of the pre-trial motions to be filed by the defense as well as any possible pre-trial resolution of the matter.

The indictment charged the 57-year-old Weindl with two counts of receipt of child pornography, and two counts of access with intent to view child pornography. He allegedly used a netbook to review several child pornographic materials. He pleaded not guilty. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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# Health corporation wants Richards to stay on as DMA

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. wants Dr. Jeremy Richards to stay on for a while as the hospital's director for Medical Affairs until some issues at the organization are resolved.

Corporation CEO Juan N. Babauta admitted Friday that Richards has already tendered his resignation, but that he has yet to act on the matter up to this time.

Richards announced his intention to resign as DMA for the

Commonwealth Health Center at a recent meeting. It was disclosed that a resignation letter was later submitted to Babauta.

"I have not accepted his resignation because we still need to talk about it. I will talk to him on this issue again next week," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune* during the hospital's 25-year anniversary celebration on Friday.

Richards earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that he wants to resign as DMA because he wants to focus on his job as a psychiatrist.

According to Babauta,

Richards' resignation as DMA was due to a concern raised by the National Health Service Corps, of which Richards is a member.

The NHSC is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a division of Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service. Its members are health professionals providing primary health care services in underserved communities.

"Dr. Richards is from NHSC and one of its regulations is

## US Census releases advanced report for selected NMI profiles

The CNMI Department of Commerce's Central Statistics Division and the U.S. Census have released to the public the U.S. Census' Advance Report for Selected Characteristics for the CNMI.

The U.S. Census had earlier released the CNMI's total population and housing units for all three islands. The advance report released now is a new 2010 Census data product for each of the four U.S. Island Areas. It provides data on a selection of population and housing characteristics.

The Advance Report for Selected Characteristics is designed to provide final summary data earlier than the scheduled release of the

Demographic Profile. The Demographic Profiles will include additional population and housing characteristics down to the place level. The advance report provides data for the CNMI at the geographic level.

The selected characteristics include:

### Population Characteristics

1. Sex by Age
2. Relationship
3. School Enrollment
4. Educational Attainment
5. Sex by Marital Status
6. Employment Status (U.S. Virgin Islands only); Employment Status and Subsistence Activity (Pacific Island Areas only)
7. Household Income in

### 2009: Housing Characteristics

8. Housing Occupancy
9. Housing Tenure
10. Year Structure Built

Furthermore, the U.S. Census has scheduled the release of the Demographic Profiles by late October, the Summary Files by block level by year's end, and the Detailed Cross Tabulation early next year.

The advance report can be accessed through the US Census website at: <http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/miscellaneous/cb12-tps56.html>

Alternatively, it can be accessed through the Central Statistics Division's website at <http://commerce.gov.mp/>. (Office of the Governor)

for members to do a minimum amount of outpatient care. But because most of our doctors here are doing outpatient care, NHSC is concerned about that. They found out that Dr. Richards is spending a lot of time as DMA (an administrative function) that curtails his ability to see outpatients as required by the NHSC. So,

he has to go back to attending outpatient care services as opposed to doing administrative duties," Babauta said.

According to the CEO, this is not the first time Richards has quit the DMA post. "I asked him before and he stayed on for a while. But now, it's getting critical to the point that the NHSC is concerned," said Babauta.

If Richards continues to go against the organization's policy, his membership may be at risk.

"And...we don't want to lose him, of course," added Babauta.

Richards replaced Dr. Michael Deary as the hospital director for Medical Affairs who resigned in March this year.

## MVA board OKs three contracts, including security for tourist sites

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REPORTER

The Marianas Visitors Authority board of directors recently approved the renewal of three contracts with the islands' tourism agency, including security services for several tourist sites on Saipan.

In its August 22 meeting, the board approved one-year contracts for Integrity Communications, G4S Security, and the Happy Children in Paradise Campaign Backpacks.

Integrity Communications, which specializes in public relations, advertising, and grant services, was approved a \$35,000 contract. The board approved the \$88,000 contract for the Happy Children in Paradise Campaign Backpacks.

G4S, which provides security services for six different tourist

sites, got a \$130,000 contract.

"We had initially contracted them to secure five sites seeing that we have those issues of robberies against visitors. These guys actually included a sixth site," managing director Perry Tenorio informed the board.

The sites covered by G4S are Banzai Cliff, Grotto, Bird Island, Suicide Cliff, Obyan Beach, and Laolao Bay.

Board director Chris Nelson commended G4S, saying that the security agency's personnel have been doing their job as there have been no recent reports of crimes against tourists in the areas they monitor.

Nelson said G4S security guards maintain a logbook detailing activities at these six sites. Tenorio added that the information on the logbook is shared as needed with government agencies, including the

Department of Public Safety.

According to Nelson, these guards are thorough in recording activities at the six sites that they would even record instances when MVA staff visit these sites in their official capacity.

"I appreciate the fact that those guys do that. I think it's money well-spent," added Nelson.

The board also ratified the contract with KSPN, LLC, which does the safety tips video that MVA shares with tourists.

Tenorio said the video, which covers anything from water safety to taking care of personal belongings, empowers tourists "to take conscious effort to protect themselves."

He added MVA has been working with them for many years and that KSPN offers a "good way" to communicate these safety tips.

## OAG helps secure \$69M agreement with 3 e-book publishers

The CNMI Attorney General's Office, along with 54 attorney general offices in other states, districts and U.S. territories, recently reached an antitrust settlement with three of the largest book publishers in the United States.

Hachette Book Group (USA), HarperCollins Publishers L.L.C. and Simon & Schuster Inc. have agreed to pay a total of more than \$69 million to consumers to resolve antitrust claims of an alleged unlawful conspiracy to fix the prices of electronic books (e-books). They have also agreed to change the way they price e-books going forward.

The settlement occurs in conjunction with a civil antitrust lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against Hachette, HarperCollins, and Simon & Schuster, which alleges that the three settling publishers and others, including non-settling publishers Macmillan and Penguin (collectively, the "Agency Five" publishers), "conspired and agreed to increase retail e-book prices for all consumers" and "agreed to eliminate e-book retail price competition between e-book outlets, such that retail prices to consumers would be the same regardless of the outlet patronized by the consumer."

Under the proposed settlement agreement, which the court must approve, Hachette, HarperCollins and Simon & Schuster will compensate consumers who purchased E-books from any of the Agency Five

Department of Justice's Antitrust Division. That investigation developed evidence that the Agency Five conspired to end e-book retailers' freedom to compete on price by taking control of pricing from e-book retailers and substantially increasing the prices that consumers paid for E-books. The department said that the publishers prevented retail price competition resulting in consumers paying millions of dollars more for their e-books.

"Our legal action sends a strong message that competitors cannot get away with price-fixing," said assistant attorney general Charles Brasington. "Colluding to fix prices raises costs for customers, who, in this case, have paid millions of dollars more for some of the most popular e-book titles. This settlement with three of those publishers paves the way for restitution for those consumers harmed by the scheme. In addition to the money consumers will receive, this settlement will restore competition in the e-book market by promoting e-book competition among retailers. Through our ongoing litigation against the remaining defendants, we hope to provide additional restitution to those consumers harmed."

The proposed settlement agreement, also for five years, precludes these three publishers from further conspiring or sharing competitively sensitive information with their competitors. Also for five years, Hachette, HarperCollins and Simon & Schuster will be forbidden from agreeing to any kind of Most Favored Nation clause that could undermine the effectiveness of the settlement agreement.

Trial for the other, non-settling conspirators is set for early June 2013. (OAG)



## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: August 27, 2012  
CLOSE DATE: September 6, 2012

POSITION: Guest Relations Officer  
SALARY: Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Proficiency in Japanese Language highly preferred. Minimum two (2) years in hotel front desk or concierge services strongly preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and ready smile.

OPEN DATE: August 27, 2012  
CLOSE DATE: September 6, 2012

POSITION: Front Desk Clerk  
SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) years in hotel front desk and / or concierge position strongly preferred. Applicants must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and ready to smile.

OPEN DATE: August 27, 2012  
CLOSE DATE: September 6, 2012

POSITION: Server  
SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) years experience in food service preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, and friendly attitude. Position may require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment.

OPEN DATE: August 27, 2012  
CLOSE DATE: September 6, 2012

POSITION: Lifeguard  
SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Obtaining a lifeguard certification may be required for continued employment. Must have a friendly and outgoing personality.

OPEN DATE: August 27, 2012  
CLOSE DATE: September 6, 2012

POSITION: Housekeeping Attendant  
SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) years in housekeeping or commercial cleaning preferred. Must have a friendly and outgoing personality.

OPEN DATE: August 27, 2012  
CLOSE DATE: September 6, 2012

POSITION: Laundry Attendant  
SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) years in housekeeping or laundry services preferred. Must have a friendly and outgoing personality.

OPEN DATE: August 27, 2012  
CLOSE DATE: September 6, 2012

POSITION: Cook (Chinese/Western/Korean)  
SALARY: Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) year experience in culinary experience. Applicants with formal training / education in culinary arts strongly preferred. Position may require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment.

OPEN DATE: August 27, 2012  
CLOSE DATE: September 6, 2012

POSITION: Maintenance Repairer/Electrician  
SALARY: Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Formal electrical education or training highly preferred. Must have friendly and outgoing personality.

For more information, please contact Human Resources Office at (670) 234-5900 ext. 576/266.

Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be received by the Security Office.

# MINA supports lowering fines for littering but...

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REPORTER

The executive director of the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance said the non-profit environmental group supports lowering the fines for violators of the anti-littering law in the Commonwealth, but also called for increased commu-

nity participation through "co-management" efforts for better enforcement of the law.

Sam Sablan stressed in an interview that littering continues to remain an issue in the CNMI but if reducing the fines for those who violate the Commonwealth Litter Control Act of 1989 will work, "let's try it out."

"Two-hundred dollars is a

good amount," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "However, it's just not working. These are hard economic times. Can people afford it? Is that working? That's the question we need to ask ourselves and it's not, obviously."

The \$200 fine is specified under the 1989 law, which aims to be amended by a current bill introduced by Rep. Jo-

seph M. Palacios (R-Saipan). House Bill 17-171 seeks to replace existing penalty provisions with a \$25 fine for first-time violators, \$100 for second-time violators, and no less than \$250 but not more than \$500 for third-time offenders. Subsequent violators would be fined no less than \$500 but no more than \$1,000.

When asked what fine amounts would be reasonable, Sablan said it would depend on the offense. As an example, she said penalties can go as low as \$5 for those who are found throwing cigarette butts, which was found to be the number one litter in the last International Coastal Cleanup event.

Those who are found throw-

**NMC invites community to climb higher summit**  
Higher Summit, made possible through the College Access Challenge Grant Program, is to provide these nontraditional students with the information they need to earn their degrees through the availability of flexible class schedules, more financial aid options, and other resources that are specifically designed for individuals are trying to balance work, family, and personal commitments.

The free Climb Higher Summit will be filled with information like finding money to pay for college, degree, and short-term non degree program offerings (like grant writing, dental assistant training, medical billing and coding, and more), and the admissions process.

The Climb Higher Summit will be held from 8am to 12pm on Oct. 5, 2012, at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret. Registration for the summit is free, but seats are limited, so participants are encouraged to register early by visiting [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu) or by calling Raynard Travilla at 234-5498 Ext. 1502, 1503, or 1504.

The Climb Higher Summit is made possible through financial support from the College Access Challenge Grant Program. (NMC)

The U.S. Department of Justice and Rota Coconut Village Hotel have agreed that the U.S. government is entitled to judgment against the hotel for federal employment taxes and civil penalties in the total amount of \$143,202.45 plus interest and other statutory additions.

DOJ Tax Division trial attorney Jeremy N. Hendon and Rota Coconut Village Hotel counsel Gregory J. Koebel informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Thursday about their agreement.

Hendon and Koebel said

ing their trash in the boonies and coastal areas deserve to pay at least \$1,000, according to Sablan.

She also noted that their group wants to be a part of enforcement efforts for this law, which she said are "practically nil" at this point.

"MINA is pushing to be a part of the co-management team that the government agencies are leading," said Sablan, referring to the Division of Environmental Quality, Coastal Resources Management Office, and the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

According to Sablan, community involvement would improve enforcement efforts by having members of the public as the environment's

"eyes and ears."

"Always having the community as part of your management plan is more effective rather than not having them. We need to have community engagement. They need to be out there; they need to be a part of this," she emphasized.

Sablan expressed hope that the Legislature would act on the bill to help find solution to the littering problem in the CNMI and urged everyone to take care of the environment to build resilience for the islands against natural disasters.

"By building resilience, you're adapting to climate change which affects everybody. It affects you as well. If you do not do anything, who will? Who's going to do all that for you? So get involved," she said.

**Rota hotel concedes it owes US govt taxes, penalties**

shall bear their respective costs and attorney's fees.

Last July, the DOJ asked the court to issue a default judgment of \$143,202.45 against the hotel for failing to answer or defend the U.S. government's lawsuit that was filed in September 2011.

DOJ said the hotel owes \$98,203.48 in outstanding federal employment taxes and \$44,998.97 in outstanding civil penalties, for a total of \$143,202.45, plus interest and other statutory additions that continue to accrue from June 26, 2012. (Ferdie de la Torre)

The Northern Marianas College announced yesterday that it is hosting a Climb Higher Summit that is aimed at helping "non-traditional students"—who are usually struggling to balance jobs, budgets, and parenting—advance their professional careers by earning a college degree.

The majority of today's college students across the U.S. no longer fit the traditional model of students between the ages of 18 to 22 and usually attending college right after high school.

"Today, there are many more students that are considered 'nontraditional' students who are enrolling in college," said NMC president Sharon Hart, Ph.D. "These students are usually older, have delayed enrolling in college because they entered the workforce right after high school, have full or part-time jobs, or are juggling other obligations like caring for children."

The purpose of the Climb

"Earning a degree has never been more important than now," said Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services. "High school graduation is no longer a sufficient path leading to a good paying job. More and more jobs are requiring college degrees now."

"There's no doubt a college degree can lead to higher salaries, more job prospects, better opportunities for promotions, and more marketable job skills," Pangelinan added. "In fact, according to national statistics, the

average earning for those with

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# Clinton stresses security in the Pacific region

**RAROTONGA, Cook Islands**—In a speech with a heavy emphasis on “security,” U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told Pacific island leaders Friday that the United States was looking to an “American model of partnership” in the region.

Clinton told a gathering of Pacific island leaders in the capital of the Cook Islands that she was honored to be the first U.S. Secretary of State to participate in the Pacific Islands Forum’s Post-Forum Dialogue Partners Meeting.

And she said the United States was willing to work with all other parties who had an interest in the Pacific such as “Japan, the European Union, China, other development partners who are here from the UK to Canada.”

“We all have important contributions and stakes in this region’s success, to advance your security, your opportunity and your prosperity. I think, after all, the Pacific is big enough for all of us,” she said.

The Obama administration had made a major push to increase engagement across the Asia-Pacific region, which it recognized as a “key driver of global economics and politics.”

**RAROTONGA, Cook Islands**—China laid out a raft of measures to help the sustainable development of Pacific island nations at a meeting of Pacific leaders and development partners in the Cook Islands Friday.

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai told the Pacific Islands Forum’s Post-Forum Partners Dialogue Meeting, attended by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and representative of the European Union, Japan and other major nations, that the region’s development partners should respect the will of Pacific island countries.

This involved taking concrete actions on issues of concern to them, such as trade, health, energy and climate change.

“The thrust of China’s policy toward the Pacific is to achieve peace, stability, and development,” said Cui. “China has done many concrete things to support the economic and social development of Pacific island countries, always in light of the needs and interests of the countries concerned.”

Cui said China would continue to help Pacific island countries realize sustainable development through a raft of measures involving high-level exchanges, helping Pacific island countries meet their Mil-

“That’s why I have said that the 21st century will be America’s Pacific century, with an emphasis on Pacific. The Pacific half of Asia-Pacific doesn’t always get as much attention as it should, but the United States knows that this region is strategically and economically vital and becoming more so.”

The U.S. seeks to advance “a sound economic agenda that includes more free trade and increased investment in energy.”

“And we strongly support good governance because sustainable growth and capable leadership go hand in hand with the respect for the rule of law and human rights,” said Clinton.

“Another priority we share is security. All of us have an interest in maintaining peace and security in the Pacific. Hundreds of United States vessels from our Navy and Coast Guard as well as our fishing vessels sail these waters.

“We know how important the ocean and the resources are to your economic development, food security and traditional culture, so we have worked to

be a strong partner in fighting illegal and unregulated fishing and other crimes that take place at sea like human trafficking.”

Emphasizing the U.S. sacrifices in the Second World War for the first time in her speech, she said the United States was also a Pacific nation.

“Seventy years ago Americans made extraordinary sacrifices on many of the islands represented here and we have since then underwritten the security that has made it possible for the people of this region to trade and travel freely,” said Clinton.

“We have consistently protected the Pacific sea lanes through which a great deal of the world’s commerce passes. And now we look to the Pacific nations in a spirit of partnership, for your leadership on some of the most urgent and complex issues of our time such as climate change.”

The United States and the Pacific islands were bound by shared interests, shared values, a shared history and shared goals in which the U.S. had already invested and committed itself “for millennium Development Goals, carrying out the measures announced by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at the Rio+20 Conference, people-to-people and cultural exchanges, providing another \$400,000 for China-PIF Cooperation Fund, \$250,000 for Pacific Islands Trade and Invest, and \$150,000 for the Pacific Regional Environment Program and intensifying exchanges between women’s agencies and organizations.

Referring to the theme of this year’s PIF meeting “Large Ocean Island States the Pacific Challenge” Cui said China attached importance to marine ecological protection and the preservation and management of fisheries.

China was active in measures to prevent illegal and unregulated fishing and would work with the international community to promote marine cooperation and sustainable development of the Pacific. One such area was in helping Pacific island nations build fishery capacity through technical and training support and investment. Another was intensification of cooperation in marine protection, in areas such as environment management, marine resources and ecology research, surveying and disaster prevention and control.

And third was exploring co-

operation on deep-sea mineral prospecting, using the expertise of China’s ocean research institutes and technology such as China’s manned submersible craft, which had dived to depths of up to 7,000 meters in tests in the Pacific.

China, which had participated in the Post-Forum Partners Dialogue Meeting for 23 years, had built more than 80 industrial, agricultural and infrastructure projects in the Pacific island countries over the years, said Cui.

“In extending assistance, China attaches importance to the long-term development of recipient countries to ensure China’s assistance fits their development strategies,” he said.

On Thursday, Cui, Cook Islands Prime Minister Henry Puna and New Zealand Prime Minister John Key announced a joint plan to build a water supply project in Rarotonga, based on “equal-footed consultation” and with no strings attached.

China was also preparing to offer energy-conserving products to the Pacific island nations under the framework of its 200-million-RMB international cooperation program, with consideration for biogas, small hydropower, solar power and wind power installations to support climate change adaptation. (China Daily)

the long haul,” Clinton said.

“We also know that how we work with you here in the Pacific is a very strong message to the people of the Pacific and even beyond and I take that very seriously,” she said.

“Here in the Pacific and indeed across the world the United States seeks a model of partnership rooted in our common values, but which delivers practical benefits and helps you create strong economies and societies and we’re pursuing this American model of partnership and we want our work here in the Pacific Islands to exemplify these standards.”

Clinton mentioned that the United States spent \$330 million every year supporting the nations and people of the Pacific islands, while the Export-Import Bank of the United States had provided \$3 billion to finance trade and investment in the region.

Clinton said she would announce later Friday plans for new programs totaling more than \$32 million as part of the Asia-Pacific strategic engagement initiative she launched in July.

The projects would address sustainable economic development that protects biodiversity, such as a project to restore mangrove swamps in the Papua-New Guinea capital, Port Moresby, as well as ocean conservation, climate change adaptation and renewable energy. (Xinhua News Agency)



Clinton

## Flashback

### A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

#### Sept. 4, 2000

##### Supreme Court joins opposition to housing allowance cut

The Supreme Court has opposed a proposed measure that will eliminate housing allowance because it will disrupt the high court’s operation as majority of the law clerks are off-island hires. In a letter to Rep. Dino M. Jones, chair of the Judicial and Governmental Operations, Director of Court Margarita M. Palacios said the Supreme Court has three law clerks hired from California receiving housing subsidies ranging from \$600 to \$800 per month. House Bill 12-034 proposes to significantly reduce or in some cases to completely eliminate all forms of government houses and subsidies. According to Rep. Jones, the bill is very relevant at this time when essential public services and programs compete for the limited and declining government revenues.

##### Right-of-way bill vetoed

Citing ambiguous provisions, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio on Friday disapproved legislation that would have required landowners to grant a right-of-way or access to a public road on a landlocked property. He said that while the bill is commendable, there are major several concerns that must be addressed, including absence of a government agency to implement the proposal as well as penalties for any violation. Under the measure, the access would have been provided from private lands that have been subdivided and are offered for sale, lease or exchange.

#### Sept. 4, 2001

##### \$2.12M set aside for CIPs

The CNMI government reappropriated over the weekend some \$2.12 million in government funds for capital improvement projects in Precinct 1, in addition to \$500,000 that were reallocated for several public school projects. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio on Friday signed into law House Bill 12-237 to reappropriate \$2.12 million from Public Law 11-79 to be used for road improvement and wastewater projects in Precinct 1. Of the amount, \$800,000 will be used for road construction and road paving in Kagman III Homestead; \$1 million will be used for the completion of the wastewater system at the Koblerville Homestead; \$300,000 for the design and construction of Dan Dan Homestead Children’s Park; and \$20,000 to fence the ancient Chamorro village on Kagman III.

##### Increased retirement benefits for govt employees opposed

The Office of Personnel Management has categorically denied earlier news reports that it supports two bills now pending before the House of Representatives that seeks to increase the retirement benefits of government employees. Acting OPM chief Norbert S. Sablan said that news reports (not in the Saipan Tribune) quoting him as saying that he supports House Bill 12-040 and House Bill 12-081 are incorrect. “This is entirely incorrect. I was personally present to testify and provided both oral and written testimony in opposition to these bills. The OPM cannot endorse either bill,” Sablan said.

#### Sept. 4, 2002

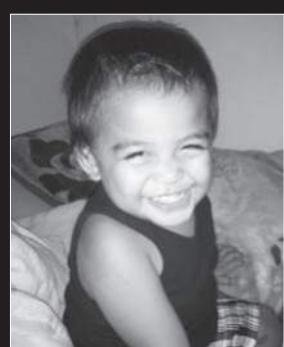
##### Staggered hike in user’s fee eyed

Garment manufacturers in the Commonwealth got another breather yesterday after the House of Representatives’ leadership agreed yesterday to postpone acting on the proposed user’s fee increase to consider some changes that would make it palatable to opposing lawmakers. Rep. Stanley T. Torres, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the leadership is considering increasing the user’s fee to 5 percent on a staggered basis instead of a one-time 1.3 percent hike. At present, the user’s fee is pegged at 3.7 percent. The proposed additional 1.3 percent is a nearly a 35-percent increase in tariff that would be levied on all apparel products being exported from Saipan.

##### Over 300 troop to housing fair

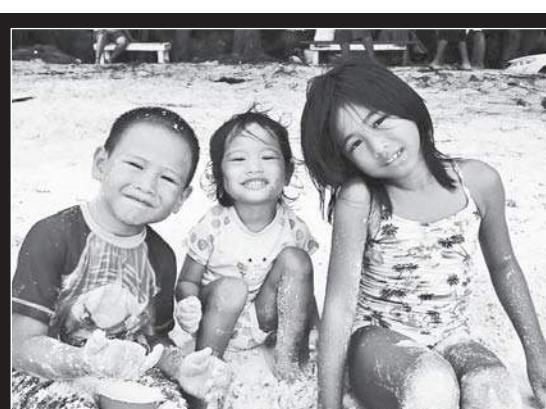
A daily average of 100 Filipinos trooped to the Nauru Building during the three-day housing fair jointly held by the Philippines PAG-IBIG Housing Program and six real estate developers from the country over the long Labor Day weekend. PAG-IBIG Saipan administrator Lynell Fulgencio noted a very successful turnout in terms of attendance for the three-day housing fair that was held in line with the Philippine government’s home financing program that targets overseas Filipinos. Fulgencio also said that there have been a remarkable number of serious inquiries for housing projects and other programs from Filipino workers on Saipan, most of whom are not even members of the PAG-IBIG Housing Program yet.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy, happy second birthday greetings go out to Franklin Sabino T. Laniyo! May God bless you and may you have many more birthdays to come! We love and miss you so much! Always, Davon, Nina, and Nino.

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Happy third birthday to our baby sister, Rylee Doris Onuki Faisao! You are our sunshine and our annoying little sister...but we still love you more! May the Lord bless you with many more birthdays to come! We love you! From your brother and sister Lei'ane and Jaydon.

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# Island Snapshots



## AWAODORI FESTIVAL

Elisa Lazaro and Nyla Sablan have their picture taken with Tokyo Tensuiren members at the Ontakesan Festival in Japan.

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## HEALTH SCREENING

Filipinos line up for blood pressure checkup on Sunday at the Filipino Workers Resource Center for the 3rd Quarter Free Health Screening for Overseas Filipino Workers.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



## CHC ANNIVERSARY

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos delivers his message during Friday's celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Commonwealth Health Center.

MONETH G. DEPOSA



Fr. Jose Garrido Villagomez shares a light moment with the crowd during the anniversary celebration Friday at the Commonwealth Health Center ground while Rep. Joseph Palacios, left, listens.

MONETH G. DEPOSA



## WORKERS' VIGIL

United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed, Dekada Movement president Boni Sagana, and Human Dignity Movement president Itos Feliciano join other foreign workers for a group photo during a prayer and vigil on Saturday night near TSL Plaza in Garapan.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Foreign workers stand beside a sign that summarizes the goal of a one-month vigil near TSL Plaza in Garapan—"no" to extending the transitional Commonwealth-only worker program beyond Dec. 31, 2014 and "yes" to improved status for long-term, legal foreign workers.

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## EDITORIAL

### When tech companies are suing, they're not innovating

**A**pple Inc. won a billion-dollar victory in its patent-infringement lawsuit against Samsung Electronics Co. last week. But the core of the story may be that Apple is running scared.

One of the key questions that arose during the trial in federal court in San Jose, Calif., was why Samsung? Why not other smartphone manufacturers—Motorola or HTC, for example—that run Android systems? Tech-watchers say Apple targeted Samsung because the South Korean corporation is the only one of the iPhone's competitors that is making significant money.

And therein lies the secret of the patent wars.

"This is the death knell for Apple, which I know is an odd thing to say," David K. Levine, John H. Biggs Distinguished Professor of Economics at Washington University, said Monday. "But the issue is you either build great products or you spend your time suing people."

Mr. Levine and Michele Boldrin, chairman of the Washington University economics department, wrote the 2008 book "Against Intellectual Monopoly," published by Cambridge University Press.

Mr. Levine said the fact that Apple went to court suggested that for the first time, Apple was feeling the threat of a competitor that can muster the icons, pinch-pressers and bounce-scrollers needed to give Apple's iPhone a run.

He said it's "pretty crazy" to patent such smartphone design features as bounce-back and icons on grids, which were done decades ago on computers, and devices with rounded corners, a shape familiar to anyone who has ever held a stone.

Lots of blame for the ruling and the underlying problems that led to the court case is being laid at the feet of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, which patent attorneys say is understaffed, underfunded and not competent at this time to judge increasingly complex patent applications.

Patents are intended to be protection for a real investment of time, effort, sweat equity and money, Mr. Levine said. When they work correctly, patents encourage and reward innovation. Instead, he noted, patents in the information technology field have become competitive weapons with companies investing in large patent portfolios and teams of attorneys who are tasked solely with developing patent applications and getting them processed.

"The patent system long ago took leave of common sense," he said.

So why should you care if Samsung, Apple or the Acme Co. designed, modified or dreamed up the phone you carry?

Other than the fact that you could wind up paying more for a Samsung Galaxy, it's that future design and innovation could be thwarted.

One thing to note, however, is that technological property theft is nothing new. Apple was famously accused of stealing its signature graphic display feature from Xerox in 1979.

Apple later sued Microsoft, accusing it of stealing software to create Windows. Microsoft's Bill Gates' retort to Apple's Steve Jobs has become a classic: "Steve, just because you broke into Xerox's house before I did and took the TV doesn't mean I can't go in later and take the stereo."

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**"HEY! IF ANYBODY WANTS TO BUILD A PIPELINE FROM THE FLOODED GULF COAST TO THE MIDWEST, I'M ALL FOR IT!"**

## Romney hopes to harness disappointment in Obama

**M**itt Romney wasn't speaking to the delegates at the Republican convention in Tampa on Thursday night.

He stood before them, but he wasn't speaking to them. That's probably why he didn't exactly swing his message like some sack of red meat to throw at their feet.

Instead, he reached past them—through the TV—to whatever independents remain in swing states such as Ohio, Colorado and Nevada. Because eight or so battleground states will likely decide the election between Romney and President Barack Obama.

The political math decrees this to be true. The rest of us are just witnesses.

Romney spoke of what he'd do to change things, but he also spoke of disappointment and disillusionment with all those grand promises and all that flowing, messianic rhetoric offered by the president at the beginning of his term.

And Romney also spoke, naturally, of joblessness, of families that can't afford college for their kids, and of that nagging weight that presses down on people after years of uncertainty about keeping their jobs, if they're lucky to have one.

It's not Republican anger that will sway those independents in the swing states. It's disillusionment with the dream they had of Obama. That's what Romney targeted Thursday night. It was a message that had been polished and focus-grouped and sharpened. It was whetted, and fletched and notched, and Romney drew back and fired from that television longbow at those targets far away.

"But for too many Americans, these good days are harder to come by. How many days have you woken up feeling that something really special was happening in America?"

"Many of you felt that way on Election Day four years ago," Romney said. "Hope and Change had a powerful appeal. But tonight, I'd ask a simple question: If you felt that excitement when you voted for Barack Obama, shouldn't you feel that way now that he's President Obama? You know there's something wrong with the kind of job he's done as president when the best feeling you had was the day you voted for him."

Not many at the convention hall in Florida voted for Obama. Romney's certain of getting their votes.

But these are uncertain times, and the rest of America is still afraid and exhausted, and oddly, it is Romney who is the uncertain personality in all of this.

America knows what Obama has done, either to them or for them. They remember the wind out of Obama's mouth in Boston when he didn't want those red and blue states dividing us, and again in Denver and then onto Chicago on his election night. They were bathed in his rhetoric and his promise, and now they're faced with the reality.

So they've made up their minds about him, for him or against him, but they haven't yet made their minds up about Romney. He's a fabulously wealthy man, a second-generation presidential candidate whose convention scripters kept offering us stories about poor

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immigrants searching for the American Dream as if somehow that was Romney's story.

It's a nice touch, and the Clint Eastwood walk-on was entertaining too, the laconic Hollywood Clint in a place of words and more words. But that alone won't do it for Romney. What he must do is not only stoke uncertainty among the independents, but feed it, and contrast that with the promise of the messianic Obama of four years ago.

You don't do that with a war hammer. You do it by reminding them of how good they felt then, and how they feel now.

Romney did get off a decent line about a ridiculous statement Obama made in June of 2008, after Obama secured the Democratic nomination. To a delirious crowd, Obama shouted that his nomination would be remembered by future generations.

"This was the moment when the rise of the oceans began to slow and our planet began to heal!" Obama shouted, revealing the fact that the galaxy is not big enough for his ego.

On Thursday night, Romney quipped: "President Obama promised to begin to slow the rise of the oceans and to heal the planet. My promise is to help you and your family."

Whether Romney succeeded or not in his acceptance speech is for you to decide. If you like Romney, then you probably liked the speech and you'll hate the one that Obama will deliver next week. And if you're with Obama, the reverse is true.

What's a bit more unsettling—and now I'm just talking about the theatricality of politics—is the importance the TV people attach to the speeches, making them life-or-death affairs.

"He must define himself tonight," said one.

"This is the most important speech of his life," said another.

"He'll have to connect on a deeply emotional level with the American people," said a third.

Emoting? Connections? How do these have anything to do with making executive decisions? They don't.

Since TV has hijacked our politics, the demands of entertainment seem to foist Oprah moments upon us. Some of our best presidents have been our least entertaining, and vice versa.

Speeches are good for laying out a candidate's policies and priorities, but they only go so far.

Fancy words in large arenas don't keep this country great. Quiet decisions in closed rooms often do.

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## ‘Mancession’? Men adjust to the challenges of a down economy

**A**TLANTA—Unless you’ve been living under a rock, you know that the American economy is slowly and sluggishly recovering from one of the worst recessions in its history. Many sectors of the economy have been hit very hard by the downturn.

Estimates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics suggest that the construction and manufacturing industries have lost more than 2 million jobs each since the recession began in 2007. The financial services industry has lost more than 600,000 jobs in that time. Employment sectors such as education and health services were initially slower to shed jobs (though teachers were affected by public-sector cuts that came later).

Financial services, manufacturing, and construction are areas that tend to employ more men, while education and health services employ higher concentrations of women. These disparities in industries that have been most affected by job losses have led some to label this a “mancession,” presenting the argument that areas in which men predominate are taking the hardest hits. This approach has led to many claims that men, more so than women, are the most victimized during the economic downturn.

Yet if we look closely at some of the changes in men’s employment patterns during the recession, the data tell an interesting—and more complicated—story about gender dynamics and men’s work opportunities during these times of economic uncertainty.

Sociologists who study work, gender, and occupations have noted that despite progress toward gender equality over the past 30 years, jobs generally remain sex-segregated. Women remain concentrated in positions that tend to be lower paying, with lower status and prestige. This phenomenon occurs broadly within fields like medicine, for example, where women are overrepresented as nurses and men as doctors; and even within occupations, so that among doctors, more women are employed as pediatricians and obstetrician/gynecologists, jobs that pay less than specialties like cardiology and neurosurgery where more men are found. Research suggests that a variety of individual and structural factors—socialization, discrimination, market forces—fluence these patterns and shape the economic and social gender inequality that occurs as a result.

Yet this picture of gender inequality is not the entire story. It’s not just that men tend to occupy the “better” jobs that offer more prestige, status, and money. Over the last decade, jobs that have been typically filled by women are now seeing more and more men enter them. Though this trend predates the recession, it is also worth noting that as jobs in financial services, construction,

and other male-dominated fields have dried up, men can follow their hearts into professions that incite their passions—and for some, this path takes them into jobs such as nursing, teaching, and other positions typically associated with women.

A May 2012 New York Times article noted that in Texas alone, the number of male registered nurses has risen from 8.4 percent to 10.5 percent since 2000, and men in that state comprise nearly one-third of all first-year teachers. While the men identified in this article attributed their interest in these fields to personal choice, interests, and diminishing gender-based stereotypes rather than the painful effects of the economic recession, it’s also true that some of these jobs can remain a path to financial security in an environment currently characterized by economic uncertainty.

Historically, the men who worked in female-dominated jobs were men of color, often immigrants, though they typically were employed in lower wage positions in feminized sectors of the labor force—as home health care workers, in food services, and jobs of this kind. It is only recently that white men have entered traditionally feminized jobs in higher numbers, and perhaps not surprisingly, they have gravitated to higher status positions than those held by their minority male predecessors: White men in “female” jobs are more likely to work as teachers rather than as teacher’s aides. Yet as white men have made inroads into these female-dominated jobs, they still manage to retain specific advantages.

Sociologist Christine Williams has shown that white men employed in traditionally female jobs find that they are usually welcomed into these positions by women colleagues who appreciate the influx of more men into these occupations. (This is a stark contrast from the chilly reception many women describe upon entering historically male-dominated jobs such as construction, law, and engineering.)

These men also describe being mistaken for having a higher status, and forge close relationships with their mostly male supervisors as they consider their work in female dominated jobs to be mere steppingstones to more male-dominated positions. These dynamics lead Williams to conclude that these men ride a “glass escalator” to the higher status jobs in the fields; they enjoy special status even when they work in occupations where they are in the minority among women.

While white men have been the subject of most study, some racial minority men have also entered professions such as teaching, nursing, and other “female” jobs as well. The voices of these minority men are often absent from discussion of work and employment during the economic recession, but their experiences

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are no less significant. Racial minority men who work in these jobs are less likely to enjoy the advantages and opportunities white men describe in these female-dominated fields. For them, the “glass escalator” is often out of order.

In my study of black male nurses, many of my respondents stated that unlike their white male counterparts, they were rarely mistaken for workers of higher status in the hospital. While white male nurses were often immediately assumed to be doctors, black male nurses shared that they were more likely to be mistaken for janitors. Whereas white men enjoyed the support of their mostly white female colleagues, black men described repeatedly having to moderate their language and behavior carefully so that white female colleagues would not find them threatening or stereotype them as “angry black men.”

Finally, unlike the white men who actively attempted to distance themselves from the feminine characteristics such as caring and empathy that are attributed to nursing, black men nurses whom I spoke with embraced these qualities and argued that being comfortable exhibiting so-called “female” traits showed how secure they were in their masculinity. Real men, it turns out, do care—and cure.

Overall, studies show us that even though some male-dominated industries have been hit hard during the recession, there are still opportunities available for men despite the economic changes that are occurring. Men still have the option to pursue traditionally female fields that meet their personal interests, and they have the ability to do so at a time when gender stereotypes are perhaps less rigid than they were in past decades.

However, the existing research suggests that within these female dominated jobs, white men still retain advantages that may be negligible, or even nonexistent, for men of color.

## Identity crisis: A US veteran and a casualty of war

**J**uly saw a record number of suicides in the Army and among recent veterans. I was nearly one of them.

I suffer from both traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder, the two most common conditions of suicidal veterans. Sometimes life becomes overwhelming.

This summer, as has happened often before, I experienced severe depression, which leads to isolation. Then, when I was feeling most hopeless, I also started feeling tremendously reckless. I found myself feeling aggressive and impulsive, feelings that fuel erratic behavior. With each passing week of the summer, as I pushed yet another friend or family member away, it became easier to envision suicide as an option to break this insufferable tension.

From my service in Iraq, I carry memories I know I will never be entirely free of. In 2007, I was a platoon leader, guiding my soldiers through dangerous streets during battle in Baqubah, a city that was spiraling out of control with insurgency. In defense of my soldiers, I called in a mortar strike on a house where we believed enemy fighters were holed up. After the strike, we learned that there was an innocent family with young children huddled inside. Images of that family still haunt me today, and I haven’t been the same since the strike that killed them. My sense of guilt is sometimes overwhelming.

The internal tension I feel goes beyond surviving firefights and mortar rounds. It goes much deeper than being startled by loud noises and fearing large crowds, though these things are part of my life too. The bigger crisis facing me, along with a lot of other veterans, is one of identity. Who am I, after re-

turning home from war?

Military service is not simply a job; it is an identity. Servicemen and women give their entire selves to the cause because lives depend on it. With each deployment, each combat experience, that identity becomes more entrenched. We survive near-death experiences and make the strongest of bonds, all as soldiers. And then, on returning to civilian life, that identity is ripped away.

After being seriously injured in combat in Iraq and no longer able to serve in the same capacity, I couldn’t see what of “me” was left. All I saw in myself were the remains of a once-accomplished leader, grasping feverishly at a lost identity. I tried to fade into the background of a civilian life that no longer made sense, as I tried to forge a new identity.

A civilian once told me, with earnest compassion, that the painful guilt I still feel over inadvertently killing innocent Iraqi civilians in the fog of battle was a good thing. It meant I had the ability to fully understand the implications of my actions—something unachievable through drone warfare. But that guilt is also a reason that I am a psychological “casualty of war.”

On bad days, it’s easy to see my problems as providing a kind of new identity. I am no longer a military officer; I’m a psychological casualty of war. I wonder, is this the role I am now destined to play? Would taking my own life put an end to the label or confirm its truth?

I don’t know the answer to this. But I do know that I can no longer trust myself with my own life. These issues and questions, along with the tension building inside me, must be addressed. I

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cannot continue like this. I am a father now, and I know I need to get help for the sake of my sons, if for no other reason.

Because of this, I have decided to admit myself into a PTSD rehabilitative, inpatient program offered at a Veterans Administration medical center in Pennsylvania.

It is an intensive program that will try my emotions, but I know that it is probably my best chance for a healthy life—and perhaps my last chance. I’m scared, and I wish I did not have to go through this. But more than that, I do not want to be like this anymore.

I’m not alone in needing this sort of intervention. Veterans around the country need intensive help in rebuilding their identities, and it’s imperative that they get it.

I truly believe that deep down, there is still something inside me worth saving, and that I can forge a new identity as my sons’ father. Whether I deserve to have my treasured sons or not, I want to become the father they need.

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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## Micronesia

Guam and Rota Thundershowers	▲84	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88
Chuuk	Showers	▲85
Pohnpei	Showers	▲85
Kosrae	Showers	▲88
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲87
		▼80

## Around The Globe

Auckland	Windy	▲61	▼54
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼58
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼81
Honolulu	Sunny	▲85	▼75
London	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼67
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼78
Melbourne	Showers	▲64	▼50
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87	▼76
New York	Thunderstorms	▲77	▼73
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼76
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼57
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲82	▼74
Rome	Thundershowers	▲82	▼66
Salem	Sunny	▲85	▼56
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼55
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲80	▼65
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼77
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲86	▼76

## Tides

### Sunrise/Sunset

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:05 AM	6:27 PM	Today	8:45 PM	8:50 AM
Wednesday	6:05 AM	6:26 PM	Wednesday	9:27 PM	9:39 AM
Thursday	6:05 AM	6:26 PM	Thursday	10:10 PM	10:29 AM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:25 PM	Friday	10:56 PM	11:18 AM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:24 PM	Saturday	11:43 PM	12:08 PM

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends southeastward from a weak circulation centered northwest of Yap at 15N130E to west of Chuuk at 8N147E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found across Yap and Palau west of a line from 14N137E to 6N137E and within 150 miles of a line from EQ135E to 5N145E. A surface trough extends northeastward from a circulation centered near 20N162E to beyond 25N at 170E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Wake Island within 200 miles of a line from 17N157E to 25N172E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Kosrae, south of a line from 4N160E to 4N174E and east of Majuro east of a line from 7N177E to 3N177E.

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#### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

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UA5068 8:40am 9:30am Daily  
UA5074 11:30am 12:20pm 1, 4, 5, 7  
UA5076 3:10pm 4:00pm Daily  
UA5078 6:50pm 7:40pm Daily  
UA5072 9:55pm 10:45pm Daily

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DL285 6:30am 9:15am 1, 3, 5, 7  
DL297 4:35pm 7:20pm Daily

#### SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

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In this Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012 photo, a shopper pushes a trolley through the clearance section of a store in Chicago. During the recession, retailers used sales to lure cash-strapped Americans into stores. But that strategy has backfired.

## Deal junkies hurt stores' profits

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Joelle Daddino is making it difficult for stores to make money.

Like many Americans who've grown accustomed to deep discounts, Daddino has become so obsessed with sales that she refuses to shop any place that isn't having one.

"If I don't have a coupon or it's not on sale, I just won't buy it," says the Yaphank, N.Y., resident.

During the recession, retailers had more sales to lure cash-strapped Americans into stores. Now, that strategy has backfired. It has bred a group of deal junkies that won't shop unless they see "70 percent" signs or yellow clearance stickers. They're a thorn in the side of most retailers be-

cause the discounts it takes to get them into stores eats away at profits. In fact, retailers' annual profit growth was cut in half between 2006 and last year, according to a survey of 122 merchants by Retail Metrics, a research firm.

So, big chains like J.C. Penney and Lowe's are trying to wean sale-addicted customers off of sales in favor of everyday low pricing. It's the biggest shift in pricing in decades, but retailers have a long way to go to convince shoppers that predictable pricing is better than the temporary promotions that they've grown to love. In fact, early this year, nearly three-quarters of 1,000 shoppers surveyed by consumer research firm America's Research Group

said it would take discounts of at least 50 percent to get them to buy a given item. That's up from 52 percent in 2005.

Paco Underhill, whose company Envirosell studies consumer behavior, says retailers are to blame for the increase. He says their discounting during the downturn created shoppers who think everyday pricing "takes some fun out of" shopping. To help break the vicious cycle of discounting, Underhill says merchants have to think of ways to attract shoppers that can be just as intoxicating as two-hour sales or coupons. That could mean top-notch service or exclusive merchandise, for instance.

"Sales are just like heroin," he says.

## Ex-Obama advisers seek health care cost control

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Some of President Barack Obama's former advisers are proposing major changes aimed at controlling health care costs as political uncertainty hovers over his health law.

Call it Health Care Overhaul, Version 2.0. Their biggest idea is a first-ever budget for the nation's \$2.8-trillion health care system, through negotiated limits on public and private spending in each state.

The approach broadly resembles a Massachusetts law signed this summer by Demo-

cratic Gov. Deval Patrick that puts pressure on hospitals, insurers, and other major players to keep rising costs within manageable limits. It could become the Democratic counterpoint to private market strategies favored by Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney and running mate Paul Ryan.

Health costs lie at the heart of budget problems confronting the next president. Health care accounts for 18 percent of the economy and about one-fourth of the federal budget, and many experts believe it

can't grow unchecked without harming other priorities. Because the United States spends much more than other advanced countries, there's a consensus that savings from cutting waste and duplication won't harm quality.

"We think of these as the next generation of ideas," said Neera Tanden, who was a senior member of the White House team that helped pass the health law. Tanden is now president of the Center for American Progress, a Washington think tank close to the administration.

## Spanish PM pushes ECB bond buying program

**BERLIN** (AP)—Spain's prime minister is urging the European Central Bank to go ahead with a bond-buying program aimed at lowering the borrowing costs of debt-ridden governments like his own, saying in comments published Sunday that eurozone state financing rates need to be similar for the currency union to function.

The ECB holds a meeting Sept. 6 where plans to intervene in bond markets will be discussed, and bank head Mario Draghi has suggested that he was prepared to take "exceptional

measures" to restore stability to the 17-nation eurozone.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy told Bild newspaper in an interview published Sunday that Draghi's suggestion that the ECB could help indebted governments lower their borrowing costs by buying their bonds shows "a determination to solve the problem."

"A monetary union cannot function when some of its countries finance themselves with negative-interest, while others must raise money with unsustainably high interest

rates," Rajoy was quoted as saying.

Troubled eurozone countries like Spain, Italy and Greece have been paying high rates—with 10-year Spanish bond yields currently at about 6.5 percent—because bond investors fear they may default. Yet the governments must constantly sell new bonds to pay off old ones that are coming due. High borrowing costs were what pushed indebted countries Greece, Ireland and Portugal to need bailout loans from the other eurozone countries.

## Nation

### Obama hits Romney Obamacare slam, says 'I do care'

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** (AP)—Campaigning his way toward the Democratic National Convention, President Barack Obama slapped a "Romney doesn't care" label on his rival's health-care views Sunday and said Republicans want to repeal new protections for millions without offering a plan of their own.

Vice President Joe Biden swiftly broadened the attack, accusing Republicans of seeking to undermine the decades-old federal program millions of seniors rely on for health care. "We are for Medicare. They are for voucher care," he said.

The president and vice president campaigned separately across three battleground states as delegates descended on the Democrats' convention city for two days of partying before their first official meeting Tuesday in the Time Warner Cable Arena.

An enormous sand sculpture made in Obama's likeness served as a reminder, as if any were needed, that the Democrats were in town.

Some 800 demonstrators marched through the streets around the convention hall, protesting what they call corporate greed as well as U.S. drone strikes overseas, said to kill children as well as terrorists. Dozens of police officers walked along with the protesters' parade, carrying gas masks, wooden batons and plastic hand

ties. One arrest was reported, for public intoxication.

The economy is the dominant issue of the campaign, and Biden's itinerary, in particular, underscored the threat that a sluggish recovery and high, 8.3 percent unemployment pose to Democrats seeking another term in power. He was in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, states that have received little attention previously as the candidates, their parties and outside allies concentrate on the areas of the country deemed most competitive. His presence suggested the race in both states was tightening.

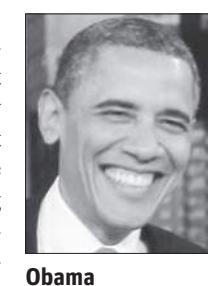
There was additional evidence of the same concern, as the president's senior surrogates refused to give a direct answer when asked on Sunday morning television programs if Americans are better off than they were four years ago.

"We've clearly improved ... from the depths of the recession," said David Plouffe, one of Obama's top White House aides.

He sought to swiftly turn the question into criticism of the Republicans.

"The Romney path would be the wrong path for the middle class, the wrong path for this country," he insisted.

Asked the same better-or-not



Obama

question that has become a staple of presidential campaigns, another top adviser, David Axelrod answered, "I think the average American recognizes that it took years to create the crisis that erupted in 2008 and peaked in January of 2009. And it's going to take some time to work through it."

Obama spoke on the University of Colorado campus in Boulder, and made his by-now familiar plea for students to register and vote. He benefited enormously from the support of younger voters four years ago and can ill-afford a fall-off in their support—or enthusiasm—in 2012.

Democrats regard passage of a sweeping health care law as a high point of achievement for Obama during his term. Yet the law has also unified Republicans who argue it amounts to a government takeover of the health care system and a budget-buster to boot.

Obama has lately been eager to answer his critics, and he did more than that in his speech.

"Gov. Romney promised that on his first day in office he's gonna sit right down, grab a pen and repeal Obamacare," the president said, referring to the law by the name Republicans first attached to it as an insult.

Days after Isaac, flooding and outages remain

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—

Much of a finger-shaped parish southeast of New Orleans was still covered with floodwater Sunday and more than 200,000 people across Louisiana still didn't have any power, five days after Isaac ravaged the state. Thousands of evacuees remained at shelters or bunked with friends or relatives.

"My family is split up," said Angela Serpas, from severely flooded Braithwaite in Plaquemines Parish. Serpas and her daughter were staying with her in-laws while her husband and son were staying in Belle Chasse.

se, a suburban area of the parish.

"This is the second time we've lost our home. We lost it in Katrina," she said.

At least seven people were killed in the storm in the U.S.—five in Louisiana and two in Mississippi. More than 2,800 people were registered at various state, local and Red Cross shelters in the state, down from around 4,000 earlier. State officials were uncertain how many people would eventually need longer-term temporary housing. Kevin Davis, head of the state's emergency office, said that housing would likely in-

#### ACROSS THE NATION

##### NJ supermarket shooting victims died from wounds

**NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.** (AP)—Two New Jersey supermarket employees killed during a rampage by a co-worker this week died from single gunshot wounds. Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce Kaplan says autopsies were performed Saturday on 18-year-old Cristina LoBrutto and 24-year-old Bryan Breen. They were gunned down early Friday at a Pathmark store in Old Bridge Township by 23-year-old Terence Tyler, who committed suicide by shooting himself once in the head with a handgun. All three were pronounced dead at the scene. About a dozen other workers who were in the store were able to escape the shooting and were not hurt. The supermarket has been shuttered since the shootings occurred, and a Pathmark spokeswoman said Sunday that it was not known when the store might reopen.

##### Neb., SD wildfires grow with help of strong wind

**OMAHA, Neb.** (AP)—Wildfires in northwestern Nebraska tripled in size in less than 24 hours, as strong winds pushed flames through the rugged, rural terrain. More than 285 square miles—an area more than twice the size of the state's largest city, Omaha—had burned by Sunday afternoon, fire officials said. One of the fires had crossed into South Dakota this weekend and burned more than 50 square miles, including land on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. A day earlier, the fires had only burned roughly 93 square miles in the ranching territory that's favored by deer and turkey hunters. "We've got a very challenging situation out here because of the winds and the very dry conditions," Gov. Dave Heineman said Sunday after touring the damage and meeting with officials.

# Asia

## Unification Church founder Rev. Moon dies at 92

**GAPYEONG, South Korea** (AP)—The Rev. Sun Myung Moon was a self-proclaimed messiah who built a global business empire. He called both North Korean leaders and American presidents his friends, but spent time in prisons in both countries. His followers around the world cherished him, while his detractors accused him of brain-washing recruits and extracting money from worshippers.



Moon

Moon died Monday at a church-owned hospital near his home in Gapyeong County, northeast of Seoul, two weeks after being hospitalized with pneumonia, Unification Church spokesman Ahn Ho-yeul told The Associated Press. Moon's wife and children were at his side, Ahn said. He was 92.

The church will hold a 13-day mourning period beginning Monday and start accepting mourners

Thursday at a multipurpose gym at its nearby religious center, the church said in a statement. The funeral will be held Sept. 15, and Moon will be buried at nearby Cheonseung Mountain, where his home is located, the statement said.

Moon founded his Bible-based religion in Seoul in 1954, a year after the Korean War ended, saying Jesus Christ personally called on him to complete his work.

The church gained fame—and notoriety—by marrying thousands of followers in mass ceremonies presided over by Moon himself. The couples often came from different countries and had never met, but were matched up by Moon in a bid to build a multicultural religious world.

Today, the Unification Church has 3 million followers, including 100,000 members in the U.S., and has sent missionaries to 194 countries, Ahn said. But ex-members and critics say the figure is actually no more than 100,000 members worldwide.

## US stops training some Afghan forces after attacks

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—The U.S. military has halted the training of some Afghan forces while it digs deeper into their background following a surge of attacks by soldiers and police on their international partners, officials said Sunday.

The move only puts about 1,000 Afghan trainees into limbo, a small fraction of the country's security forces. But it shows how these attacks have the potential to derail the U.S.-Afghan handover of security so essential to the international drawdown strategy.

Officials say that the international coalition ultimately hopes to recheck the backgrounds of the entire 350,000-strong Afghan army and police.

The United States and its allies are pushing to have Afghan forces take over security for the

country by the end of 2014. This effort has been imperiled by the spike in insider attacks that have killed 45 international service members this year, most of them Americans. There were at least 12 such attacks in August alone, resulting in 15 deaths.

The attacks are straining an alliance already stretched by a tense relationship with a notoriously corrupt Afghan government and disagreements over NATO tactics that Kabul claims endanger civilians.

Coalition authorities have said about 25 percent of this year's insider attacks had confirmed or suspected links to the Taliban. The militants have sometimes infiltrated the ranks of the Afghan army and police and in other cases are believed to have coerced or otherwise persuaded legitimate members to turn on their

coalition partners.

NATO is currently training thousands of Afghans. The 1,000 put into limbo by the training freeze are part of a 16,000-strong unit dubbed the Afghan Local Police. They are actually much more of a government-backed militia, technically under the authority of the national police but operating independently.

They are the only force that the U.S. alone is in charge of training.

"With this increased interest in the insider threat, everybody started looking at it and saying: 'What can we do to make sure that all of our vetting processes are in place?' We're going through and looking at everything," said Lt. Col. Todd Harrell, a spokesman in Afghanistan for the U.S. special operations forces.

others, police said. The identities of those killed in the attack were unclear, said local police officer Pervez Khan. Some of the wounded were foreigners, he said. The vehicle was attacked after it left the U.S. Consulate in Peshawar and was traveling through an area of the city that hosts various international organizations, including the United Nations, said Khan.

### American killed in store robbery in Philippines

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Police say robbers at a convenience store in the Philippine capital have shot dead an American executive of an English language training center. Police say Robert Edward Armstrong was inside the Manila store on Sunday when four robbers ordered the employees and at least three customers into the storage room while they emptied the cash register. Police officer Alonzo Layugan says 45-year-old Armstrong was shot when he tried to dash out of the store. Layugan said Monday that the wounded American managed to get into his car but one of the robbers shot him again. Armstrong was declared dead at a hospital. His hometown was not immediately known. Police say the other customers and employees were unharmed. The robbers are still at large.

### Car bomb hits US vehicle in Pakistan, kills 2

**PESHAWAR, Pakistan** (AP)—A car filled with explosives rammed into a U.S. government vehicle in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Monday, killing two people and wounding five

# World

## Activists say 5,000 killed in Syria in August

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Activist groups said Sunday that about 5,000 people were killed in Syria's civil war in August, the highest figure ever reported in more than 17 months of fighting as President Bashar Assad's regime unleashed crushing air power against the revolt for the first time.

The U.N. children's fund UNICEF put the death toll for last week alone at 1,600, the largest weekly figure for the entire uprising.

"The past month witnessed large massacres and the regime was conducting wide operations to try to crush the uprising," said Omar Idlibi, a Cairo-based activist with the Local Coordination Committees group. "Last month's acts of violence were unprecedented."

He said the increased use of the air force and artillery bombardments was behind the spike in casualties.

The civil war witnessed a major turning point in August when Assad's forces began widely using air power for the first time to try to put down the



AP  
A boy looks back while he and another boy play on a Syrian military tank, destroyed during fighting with the Rebels, in the Syrian town of Azaz, on the outskirts of Aleppo, Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012.

revolt. The fighting also reached Syria's largest city, Aleppo, which had been relatively quiet for most of the uprising.

The Britain-based activist group Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said that 5,440 people, including 4,114 civilians were killed in August. The LCC put the toll at 4,933 civilians.

On Sunday, the Observatory and the LCC said more than 100 people were killed throughout Syria and the groups have been reporting

100-250 deaths per day over the past week.

Syria's uprising has been the bloodiest in the Arab Spring that has already removed long-serving authoritarian leaders in Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen and Libya.

The two main activists groups also released new death tolls for the entire uprising since March 2011. The Observatory said more than 26,000 have been killed, including more than 18,500 civilians.

## Israeli leader calls for 'clear red line' on Iran

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—Israel's prime minister on Sunday urged the international community to get tougher against Iran, saying that without a "clear red line," Tehran will not halt its nuclear program.

The tough language from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reflected differences that have emerged between Israel and its allies, particularly the U.S., over how to deal with Iran.

Israel has warned that the Iranians are quickly approaching weapons capability and that the threat of force must be seriously considered. The U.S. says sanctions and international diplomacy must be given

more time to work.

Netanyahu, speaking to his Cabinet, said that a new report issued by the U.N. nuclear agency showing progress in the Iranian nuclear program bolstered his claim that international pressure is not working.

"I believe that the truth must be said, the international community is not drawing a clear red line for Iran, and Iran does not see international determination to stop its nuclear program," Netanyahu said.

"Until Iran sees this clear red line and this determination, it will not stop its advancement of the Iranian nuclear program.

Iran must not have a nuclear weapon," he declared.

Iran says its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only, a claim that is rejected by the West.

Israel believes a nuclear-armed Iran would pose a mortal threat, citing Iranian calls for Israel's destruction, its development of missiles capable of striking Israel and its support for anti-Israel militant groups.

Israeli leaders have repeatedly hinted they are growing impatient and could soon be compelled to use force against Iran.

The United States opposes a unilateral Israeli strike.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### SAfrica to withdraw murder charges against miners

**JOHANNESBURG** (AP)—South Africa's top prosecutor announced Sunday that she is withdrawing controversial murder charges against 270 miners for the killings of 34 striking co-workers shot dead by police. The National Union of Metal Workers meanwhile demanded the suspension of the officers responsible for the shootings. Sunday's announcement follows a barrage of criticism from political parties, trade unions, civil society and legal experts. Even the justice minister had challenged the prosecutor's decision to charge the arrested miners under an apartheid-era law that opened President Jacob Zuma's government to accusations that it was acting like the former brutal white rulers.

#### A first: Veiled woman reads news on Egypt state TV

**CAIRO** (AP)—A female Egyptian news pre-

senter appeared on state television wearing a veil for the first time on Sunday after the Islamist-dominated government lifted an effective ban that had been in place for decades under secular-leaning regimes of the past. The ban on female news readers wearing the Islamic veil had long been criticized even by liberals and human rights activists as an infringement on personal freedoms—particularly in a country where more than half of all adult women cover their heads. However, it was the latest move by authorities under new Islamist President Mohammed Morsi to make sweeping changes in state-controlled media. Just a few weeks ago, the Islamist-dominated upper house of parliament or Shura Council, shuffled editors of state-run media and most of the 50 new appointees were either Islamists or their sympathizers. Egypt's journalists' union has accused Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood group of trying to make the media its mouthpiece.

# Focus

**D**O DONTREI, Cambodia (AP)—It was four gray skulls resting on a bed of jumbled bones that again triggered Chea Nouen's memories: breast-feeding her baby with her hands and feet shackled; her husband thrown into a pit to be turned into human fertilizer, her own marches to the killing fields—where she was saved three times by an executioner.

The past came hurtling back earlier this month when a new mass grave was discovered in this village in northwestern Cambodia, one of the bloodiest killing grounds in the country. Like most of Cambodia's some 300 known mass grave clusters, it is not being investigated or exhumed to find out what happened.

More than three decades after the Khmer Rouge ultra-revolutionaries orchestrated the deaths of nearly 2 million people, or one out of every four Cambodians, this country has not laid its ghosts to rest. Cambodia's regime prefers to literally bury the past, especially since some of its current leaders, including Prime Minister Hun Sen, were once Khmer Rouge.

But 63-year-old Chea Nouen and other survivors in this small, farming community cannot forget, hold their tears in check or banish the nightmares when they daily tread over the unexamined bones of 35,000 victims and live among restless souls that still hover, they believe, over homes and rice fields. Also unfinished is the pursuit of justice: Neither the three top Khmer Rouge leaders nor local executioners have been punished, with the exception of a controversial jail sentence of 19 years for the former prison chief

suckle at her breasts. Chea Nouen, back in the present, brushes tears away with a yellow towel.

Their family, with two children, had been arrested one morning while riding in an ox-cart. A day after her release, her husband was taken away to the foot of a hill, close by the recently discovered grave, where the Khmer Rouge vented their hatred of former government soldiers like him with singular fury.

Blindfolded, hands tied behind their backs, they were savagely beaten, slashed with machetes and pushed into pits stocked with rice husks that were set ablaze. The ashes and decomposed bodies fused into fertilizer to be scattered over the rice fields.

Although still under official arrest, Chea Nouen was released to a Khmer Rouge complex that included dormitories, a warehouse and communal dining. She grew vegetables, worked grueling hours in the rice paddies and kitchen. One of her sons succumbed to illness, the other died of starvation.

Of the hundreds of workers who passed through the center, all of them women, only seven survived the deprivation and a methodical killing machine not unlike those at Nazi concentration camps. Executions took place once or twice a week, with batches of 60 to 80 prisoners, and often timed to the fertilizer production.

"We are all just like fish in the water. One day they will hook us all," she told a co-worker who sensed her own time had come and asked Chea Nouen to take gold she had secreted to pass on one day to her children. Chea Nouen declined, believing she herself wouldn't survive. The following day, after the evening meal, her friend disappeared.

Che a Nouen rises, head bent to the



In this Aug. 20, 2012 photo, Youk Chhang, director of the Documentation Center of Cambodia, arranges some of the photos in a newly-discovered collection of about a thousand photos of detainees at the notorious former Khmer Rouge prison S-21, in his office in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

the house and I will be beaten.' I didn't know, but there was actually one there. I threw it away, and a few days later they came again. And again they refused to come into the house. My father just stood on these steps, crying."

Khung Leang thinks of the "crimes" that led to the slaughter of her mother, her father and all six of her siblings. They had been damned as "rich capitalists" because they sold sweets in the market. Later, they were discovered eating chicken soup one night as a family, violating bans on private property and eating outside communal quarters. The last of her father's three "crimes" was "destroying Khmer Rouge property" by failing to stop cows he was ordered to herd from grazing in a rice field.

Her father was taken away first. She doesn't know how he died. Later she was told that before his execution, he pleaded with friends: "Please take care of my daughter. She will soon be alone."

And she was. They all followed him, even the youngest, her four-year-old sister, because the Khmer Rouge liked to say: "If you don't want grass to grow you have to pull out all the roots underneath."

Like Chea Nouen, she regards her cheating of death—twice—as miraculous.

Like many women and despite protest, she was forced into marriage with a man the Khmer Rouge had chosen for her. And like many young couples, they were assigned to a mobile brigade, tasked with back-breaking work in remote areas after separation from their families. She was away when her family was exterminated.

Sometime later, she and others were being herded to an execution site when a Khmer Rouge cadre suddenly barked, "That is enough. We have reached our quota today. Take the others back."

A cooling evening breeze sweeps through the garden around Khung Leang's home as she finishes her tale, one with a happy ending. A sprightly little girl, one of six grandchildren, rushes into her arms. A handsome 23-year-old son returns from teaching school.

Their family makes ends meet, growing rice and vegetables and still selling the traditional sweets from rice and palm sugar that once precipitated the tragedy. Her husband—the same she once adamantly rejected—drives a motorcycle taxi.

"He is a very kind-hearted man," she says.

Pools of stagnant, milky green water lay at the bottom of the burial pits. The backhoe gouged out more earth.

"If the investigators don't come and conduct a proper search, all the remains will soon disappear," said farmer Chhorn Kry, standing at the grave's edge, near where nine members of his wife's family were executed.

The survivors of Do Dontrei believe the spirits are still trapped. They say the graves must be opened, with proper rites, so that the spirits can fly, look for their relatives and ascend to heaven. Chea Nouen compares it to water flowing out after a bottle is opened.

Khung Leang adds a contemporary, political twist to the ancient belief: "There are many souls still with us here. They are wandering around our village, hovering above us, because they are still waiting for justice."

## Mass grave raises ghosts from the past

known as Comrade Duch.

In April, Chea Nouen was invited to the capital, Phnom Penh, to hear a top Khmer Rouge official, Nuon Chea, offer his defense to a U.N.-backed tribunal: I didn't know. I was just carrying out orders. It's an exaggeration. The U.N. and the tribunal say they are following the law. But Chea Nouen calls the trial "an absurdity," incredulous that it has taken six years, \$160 million and mountains of documents to prove a case against three now feeble octogenarians when all seems so starkly clear to the villagers at Do Dontrei.

"At my age and health, I cannot confront the Khmer Rouge," says the 63-year-old woman. "But I would be pleased to tell my story."

Her body is almost skeletal and wracked by persistent illnesses from the Khmer Rouge years, but Chea Nouen's animated face, striking poses and still supple hands conjure up the past in powerful pantomime.

She contorts her body, demonstrating how her legs and arms were bound to an iron bar. Her face grimaces in remembered pain. A soldier points a pistol to her temple, another searches her body for hidden valuables. In shock, she drops her 2-month-old son to the prison floor. For seven days, almost sleepless and surviving on just water, she cradles her child, twisting her body to allow him to

ground, her arms clasped behind her as if pinioned by ropes. She is trudging off with a line of others toward the pits. The killers await them, naked torsos sweating. She hears shouts, wailing and cursing from those about to die. Then, the chief of the execution squad, a man she had provided with bath water, halts the file of prisoners.

**There are many souls still with us here. They are wandering around our village, hovering above us, because they are still waiting for justice.**

"I don't know why he was so kind and saved my life. He did it three times. Maybe he felt sympathy for me. Maybe he loved me," she says. Nhorn was the only name she knew him by, and after the Khmer Rouge downfall she never saw him again.

"Whenever I think of the Khmer Rouge time I don't feel hunger or thirst," she says, sinking into her chair in a ramshackle hut open to the rains and mosquitoes. "I feel nothing except

the feeling that I am already dead."

She has a proper house in the village, home to some 600 people, but prefers the forest retreat where she can better raise chickens, ducks and four cows, and where there is a peace and quiet for which she longs.

Her face still flushed, Chea Nouen ends her story on a lighter note, relating

how a ghost appeared in the dream of the businessman who bought the land with the skulls from a farmer, one day after the remains were found. The spectral visitor recommended he go for the number 50 in a lottery. He won \$1,500 and paid for a ceremony at the newly-found grave.

"My husband never comes to see me or give me a winning lottery number, so I'm still poor," she laughs. "I didn't even pray for a lottery number at the

ceremony. I just thanked the spirits for saving my life."

The remains from the grave were placed in a makeshift shrine under the shade of three palm trees, and the villagers of Do Dontrei brought soup, rice, desserts and a little money to the crude altar as offerings.

They worry that the spirits are troubled. There is a widespread belief in Cambodia that the bones of the deceased—especially those who met violent deaths—should be collected, cremated and prayed over lest they remain in the place they died to haunt the living.

But rural folk—the "little people," as they have been called—still have little voice or legal recourse in face of rich power-brokers, and the businessman who purchased the land for \$4,700 for construction has close connections in the nearby provincial capital of Siem Reap. So the digging continues.

Khung Leang, a handsome 53-year-old woman with a ready smile, says she may never know where her entire family lies. She conducted rites for their souls, but they still return to her in disturbing dreams.

"They stood here. But they refused to come up," she says, sitting on steps leading to the first story of her stilt-propelled house. "My father said, 'I can't enter because there is a stick in

# Overdrive

Nissan's popular compact crossover, the Rogue, returns for 2013 with a starting price of \$22,310 for the base S model with front-wheel drive and a continuously variable automatic transmission.

There's also an all-wheel-drive version of the entry trim level, beginning at \$23,610.

These are among the lowest prices on the market for a vehicle in this burgeoning class, making it quite a value for consumers looking for a top-quality product that's easy on the budget.

This is the last year of the current generation of the Rogue, whose production moves to the United States from Japan next year as the redesigned model arrives for 2014.

But there's really no reason to wait if you're in need of a vehicle now, as the 2013 version offers everything a young family or couple—or even empty-nest baby boomers—could want in a smooth, comfortable and very carlike utility vehicle.

Prices range as high as \$28,650 for the top-of-the-line SV front-drive model with the feature-laden SL Package, or \$29,950 for this model the SL adds and all-wheel drive.

For 2013, changes include an upgraded Special Edition Package for the base S model, which brings such extras as a Bluetooth hands-free phone system and two additional speakers, for a total of six, to last year's package.

This package also includes a premium AM/FM/CD/Satellite audio system with a 4.3-inch color display and USB connectivity; steering-wheel audio controls; backup camera system; 16-inch aluminum-alloy wheels; fog lights; and privacy glass.

Nissan says it's a savings of \$1,500 over what it would cost to add each of these items separately to the base model, and allows consumers to dress up the entry-level Rogue quite economically.

A new Premium Edition Package is available on the SV models, bringing a Bose seven-speaker audio system with subwoofer; fog lights; a navigation system with five-inch color touch screen and XM NavTraffic capability; automatic climate control; a power moon roof; and automatic headlights.

The Rogue competes against such vehicles as the Honda CR-V, Toyota



The 2013 Nissan Rogue is the last of its generation. Production moves to the United States from Japan in 2013 for the redesigned 2014 model.

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## Nissan Rogue offers top value, lots of options

By G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III  
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

RAV4, Hyundai Tucson, Kia Sportage, Mitsubishi Outlander and Subaru Outback. But the Rogue is the most carlike of the group, as well as the most fuel-efficient.

Under the hood of all models is a 2.5-liter, 16-valve, inline four-cylinder engine, rated at 170 horsepower and 175 foot-pounds of torque, connected to the continuously variable transmission, or CVT. It has no discernible shift points, so transmission and engine are matched at all times for the best efficiency and fuel economy.

EPA ratings are 22 mpg city/28 hwy with front-wheel drive, and 22/26 with the optional all-wheel drive.

We tested the SV front-drive model with the SL Package. It includes Nissan's very cool Around View Monitor, which uses cameras on each of the vehicle's four sides to create a virtual bird's-eye view on the dash screen as though you're looking down on the vehicle from above. It's great when you're navigating through tight spaces or trying to park.

### NUTS & BOLTS

#### 2013 Nissan Rogue:

■ **The package:** Five-door, five-passenger, front- or all-wheel-drive, four-cylinder, compact crossover utility vehicle.

■ **Advantages:** Nissan's compact crossover has edgy styling and a long list of standard amenities.

■ **Negatives:** Rear seat is tight for three people; no engine upgrade offered.

■ **On the Road rating:** 9.1 (of a possible 10).

■ **Engine:** 2.5-liter four-cylinder.

■ **Transmission:** Continuously variable automatic.

■ **Power/torque:** 170 horsepower/175 foot-pounds

■ **Length:** 182.9 inches.

■ **Curb weight:** 3,267-3,460 pounds.

■ **Brakes, front/rear:** Disc/disc, antilock.

■ **Side air bags:** Front seat-mounted; side-curtain for both rows.

■ **Electronic stability control:** Standard.

■ **Cargo volume:** 28.9 cubic feet (behind second seat).

■ **Major competitors:** Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4, Mitsubishi Outlander, Subaru Outback, Jeep Patriot, Suzuki Grand Vitara, Kia Sportage, Hyundai Tucson.

■ **Base price range:** \$22,310-\$29,950

■ **Price as tested:** \$28,975

All prices exclude destination charges.

Other extras in the SL Package include leather seats and steering wheel, automatic climate control, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, a power/glass sliding moon roof, fog lights, the Bose premium audio system, 18-inch alloy wheels, automatic high-intensity-discharge headlights, and heated front seats and outside mirrors.

The SL Package essentially creates a new trim level, and with it also comes a rear exterior "SL" badge to identify it as such.

Our vehicle also had splash guards and a floor-mat/cargo-protector package.

Introduced for 2008, the Rogue has become one of Nissan's best-selling vehicles. And you don't have to upgrade to the higher levels to have a well-equipped Rogue.

Standard even on the S model are such features as an iPod connection, six-way manually adjustable driver's seat, illuminated vanity mirrors and, of course, air conditioning, power windows and door locks with remote

control, and cruise control.

There is room for five in the Rogue, although the middle position on the rear bench seat is best left to a small child or a child seat.

Front passengers are quite comfortable in the bucket seats; rear outboard riders have plenty of space, too, if they're average size or smaller.

Folding down the rear seatback, which has a 60/40 split, can expand that area significantly. The front passenger seatback also folds down to accommodate long items, such as snow skis.

The Rogue has ample power for everyday driving, especially when the car isn't fully loaded. Power is delivered smoothly through the CVT, even on hills. Handling is more like that of a compact sport sedan than a utility vehicle, and steering is tight and precise.

Nissan says the all-wheel drive is designed primarily for driving on wet and slippery roads, including snow, but it offers better traction on gravel and other unpaved road surfaces, as well in tight turns on fun roads like those you'll find in the Hill Country.

But the system is not designed for serious off-road driving, as there is no transfer case for low-range gearing, and the Rogue has limited ground clearance.

The backup-camera system is standard on the SV model. On the S model, 16-inch steel wheels are standard; the SV models come with 17-inch aluminum-alloy wheels.

Among other SV standard amenities are a six-way power driver's seat, four-way manual passenger seat, cloth seats, manual tilt steering wheel, power windows/mirrors/door locks with remote, the illuminated visor mirrors, dual front and rear cupholders, front door map pockets, front seatback map pockets, dual overhead map lights, a front center console with armrest and storage cubbies, and two 12-volt power outlets.

The truly cool Around-View Monitor was added for 2012—and the Rogue is the first non-luxury vehicle to get this feature, formerly found only in some of the Infiniti models. (Infiniti is Nissan's premium brand.)

The Around-View Monitor uses four separate cameras—one in front and back, one on each side-view mirror, to project a 360-degree overhead view of the car and its surroundings on the navigation screen.

### UNDER THE HOOD

## The best new features in cars

By BRAD BERGHOLDT  
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

a leaner air/fuel ratio. Engine efficiency is improved, along with reductions in fuel consumption and emissions.

■ **Stability control.** Adding smarts and a few new parts to the existing brake and engine controls allows the car to carve corners with a greater degree of safety. Gentle intervention helps keep you from overdoing throttle and steering when taking a fast curve.

■ **Multiplexing.** A networked car shares components and information, reducing many lengths of wire and redundant components. Whispering to a module to turn on a nearby component is much better than delivering power

through a series of troublesome connectors from a distant switch.

■ **Variable valve timing.** This is like having two camshafts—one for efficiency and smoothness, the other for raw power. Systems may allow changes to valve timing, lift and duration, automatically doing what's best for conditions.

■ **Electronic throttle control.** No more mechanical connection between the gas pedal and throttle sounds scary but is bulletproof in reliability. Having fewer related parts brings simplicity, and slight engine efficiency gains are possible.

■ **CVT transmission.** Instead of many gears, these transmissions allow an infinitely variable drive ratio for engine efficiency. Weird to get used to but highly efficient. Better suited for light duty vehicles, not yet sturdy enough for big cars and trucks.

■ **Variable intake manifold.** Promotes optimum breathing at both high and low speeds by changing runner shape and length. Simple, and very worth doing for a high-revving engine.

■ **Multi-zone climate control.** Added complexity, but very cool functions. Some systems are super smart in anticipating and adapting to factors af-

fecting comfort.

■ **Dual-clutch transmission.** This blends the best of both an automatic and manual transmission. Basically it's two computer-controlled manual transmissions in one box, without a clutch pedal or torque converter. Quicker and more precise shifting brings faster acceleration and improved fuel economy.

That's just the tip of the iceberg. Most newer technology is well designed and highly reliable. A failed component will be expensive, but they shouldn't break very often. Most fixes will require a very well trained pro, and unit replacement is now the norm instead of fixing things.

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**QUESTION: I was curious to get your take on what new car features are the best, and how useful and reliable they might be. Every time I turn around, I hear of some new gadget that's kind of difficult to understand.—Sandy Turner**

**ANSWER:** There are so many cool new features that I'll only have space to list a few. I'll stick to the ones that could benefit from explanation and skip those that are pretty obvious in what they do.

■ **Adaptive cruise control.** This newer system can apply the brakes as well as the throttle to maintain desired speed. Adding radar allows the system to set a pace behind cars ahead without overrunning, or allowing you to crash into them.

■ **Direct fuel injection.** By spraying fuel directly into the combustion chamber, many benefits are possible, such as a higher compression ratio and

# Life&Style

## Promoters' email: Concern over Jackson's stability

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Promoters of Michael Jackson's planned 2009 comeback described in emails how they feared for the megastar's stability, saying he was out of shape and consumed with self-doubt.

The Los Angeles Times obtained some 250 pages of messages, most between executives at Anschutz Entertainment Group, which was financing the ill-fated "This Is It" concerts set for London. Some of the emails indicated that executives were concerned that Jackson's planned 50-show stand at AEG's 02 Arena would be an expensive bust.

In one exchange AEG's Randy Phillips wrote his boss that Jackson was "an emotionally paralyzed mess." Phillips was writing from Jackson's London hotel suite just hours before a press conference announcing the concert run.

"MJ is locked in his room drunk and despondent," Phillips said in an email to AEG President Tim Leiweke. "I (am) trying to sober him up."

In the end, the emails show, Phillips and Jackson's manager had to dress the pop star, the Times said.

"He is scared to death," Phillips wrote to Leiweke.

Jackson arrived 90 minutes late for the press conference and made brief remarks that some of the 350 reporters described as



In this March 17, 2005, file photo, Michael Jackson arrives at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse in Santa Maria, Calif.

odd and disjointed.

In an interview with the newspaper, AEG's attorney Marvin Putnam suggested Phillips had exaggerated in his emails and said Jackson's behavior appeared to be a case of "nerves."

The Times said the messages will probably play a key role in two lawsuits set for trial next year. The shows' insurers are asking a judge to nullify a \$17.5-million policy that they say AEG got with false claims about Jack-

son's health and readiness to perform. And Jackson's heirs filed a wrongful-death suit that accuses the entertainment giant of pressuring the singer to carry on with a comeback despite indications he was too weak.

Lawyers for AEG, which has denied any wrongdoing, told the Times most of the correspondence was produced as discovery in ongoing litigation. They said the messages reviewed by the newspaper were incomplete

and leaked to portray the company in a negative light. The lawyers declined to provide additional emails that they said would give a fuller picture, citing a protective order imposed by a judge in the civil litigation.

Numerous emails show Lloyd's of London unsuccessfully pushing for access to five years of Jackson's medical records in order to expand insurance coverage for the concerts.

The insurer also wanted the singer to undergo a four-hour medical exam that would include three doctors, heart monitoring and blood work. AEG's insurance broker tried to persuade Lloyd's to drop the physical, according to the email discussions. AEG suggested that Jackson's physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, could give an oral recitation of Jackson's recent medical history instead, the Times reported. Lloyd's refused.

A Lloyd's underwriter wrote that repeated requests for written records and details about Jackson's daily fitness program were met "always with no response."

Murray responded to the last of the requests June 25 at Jackson's Southern California home, according to emails presented at the doctor's criminal trial. He wrote that he had talked to Jackson and "Authorization was denied."

Jackson died less than an hour later, according to a timeline Murray gave investigators.

## Pussy Riot: No regrets despite prison sentence

**BERLIN** (AP)—Jailed Pussy Riot member Nadezhda Tolokonnikova says she regrets nothing about the band's anti-government performance in a cathedral that got them convicted of hooliganism and sentenced to two years behind bars.

Tolokonnikova told Germany's *Der Spiegel* magazine in an interview released Sunday that her conviction with her two band mates were Russian President Vladimir "Putin's personal revenge" which served to put a global spotlight on his government.

She says, "I think the bottom line is that the trial against us was important because it showed the true face of Putin's system."

*Der Spiegel* said the performer's answers to the magazine's questions were provided through her lawyer, who is allowed to visit her in prison.

She says Pussy Riot's goal remains "a revolution in Russia."

## Cambodia arrests Pirate Bay co-founder

his handover, he said.

Svartholm Warg and the site's three other founders were convicted in 2009 by a Swedish court of assisting copyright infringement by helping millions of the site's users to illegally download music, movies and computer games. All were sentenced to one year in prison and ordered to pay 30 million kronor (\$3.6 million) to entertainment companies, including Warner Bros., Sony Music Entertainment, EMI and Columbia Pictures.

Svartholm Warg failed to show up at an appeal hearing in 2010. At the time, his defense attorney told the court he had received text messages from Svartholm Warg's mother saying her son

## Spanish director wins YouTube online festival

**VENICE, Italy** (AP)—Spanish filmmaker David Victori has won the inaugural edition of YouTube's Your Film Festival for his short movie "The Guilt."

The winner was announced Sunday on the sidelines of the Venice Film Festival after selection by a jury that included director Ridley Scott and actor Michael Fassbender.

Victori, whose movie focuses on a man obsessed with revenge after his wife's murder, will receive \$500,000 for his next project, with Scott and Fass-

bender acting as executive producers—giving the filmmaker key insider guidance.

Fassbender, who triumphed at the Venice Film Festival in 2011, taking home a Golden Lion for his role in "Shame," described Victori's film as "very mature and confident."

"I was engaged from the top of the film," Fassbender said at the award ceremony after a screening of the 10 finalist films.

Victori said he has already presented his planned project to Scott and Fassbender.

had fallen ill in Cambodia and would not appear in court.

The appeals court reduced prison sentences for the other three co-founders from one year each to between four and 10 months and raised the amount they have to pay in damages to the entertainment industry to 46 million kronor (\$6.5 million).

All four defendants denied the charges, arguing that The Pirate Bay doesn't actually host any copyright-protected material itself. Instead, it provides a forum for its users to download content through so-called torrent files. The technology allows users to transfer parts of a large file from several different users, increasing download speeds.

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#### The Possession

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Saturday and Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25
Monday	1:25	4:25	7:25
Tuesday thru Tuesday	4:25	7:25	

Cast: Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Kyra Sedgwick

Thriller, Horror • Rated PG13

#### Synopsis

Inspired by Los Angeles Times writer Leslie Gornstein's article "A Jinx in a Box," this horror film from Ghost House Pictures and director Ole Bornedal (*Nightwatch*) tells the tale of a broken family that comes under attack from a malevolent supernatural entity of Jewish folklore. Shortly after her parents (Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Kyra Sedgwick) divorce, a young girl purchases an ornate antique box at a yard sale. In the weeks that follow, the young girl forms an intense fixation on the box, her behavior growing increasingly bizarre as she falls into the grip of a diabolical apparition. When the girl's father discovers that the relic is in fact a holding cell for the disconnected soul of a deceased person who has been denied entry into the afterlife and needs a human host to inhabit, he fights to rid her of the evil that threatens to consume her body and soul.



#### The Odd Life of Timothy Green

Friday	4:05	7:10	9:35
Saturday and Sunday	1:20	4:05	7:10
Monday	1:20	4:05	7:10
Tuesday thru Tuesday	4:05	7:10	

Cast: Jennifer Garner, Joel Edgerton

Comedy, Drama, Fantasy • Rated PG

#### Synopsis

A happy husband and wife receive a most unexpected gift in this enchanting fantasy drama from Academy Award-nominated writer/director Peter Hedges (*What's Eating Gilbert Grape*; *Dan in Real Life*). Jim (Joel Edgerton) and Cindy Green (Jennifer Garner) are deeply in love and planning to start a family in Stanleyville when one night, during a thunderous storm, a young boy named Timothy (CJ Adams) comes knocking at their door. In time, the prospective new parents and their curious neighbors discover that the most amazing things can happen just when you least expect it.



#### Step Up: Revolution

Friday	4:30	7:30	10:00
Saturday and Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30
Monday	1:30	4:30	7:30
Tuesday thru Tuesday	4:30	7:30	

Cast: Ryan Guzman, Kathryn McCormick

Drama • Rated PG13



#### Hit and Run

Friday	4:20	7:20	9:40
Saturday & Sunday	1:00	4:20	7:20
Monday	1:00	4:20	7:20
Sunday thru Tuesday	4:20	7:20	

Cast: Dax Shepard, Bradley Cooper

Action • Rated R



#### The Expendables 2

Friday	4:10	7:05	9:55
Saturday & Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:05
Monday	1:10	4:10	7:05
Sunday thru Tuesday	4:10	7:05	

Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Jet Li

Action • Rated R



#### Paranorman

Friday	4:15	7:15	9:30
Saturday & Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Monday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Sunday thru Tuesday	4:15	7:15	

Cast: Susan Duke, Donna Lynn Leavy

Children's/family • Rated PG



#### Bourne Legacy

Friday	4:00	7:00	9:45
Saturday & Sunday	1:05	4:00	7:00
Monday	1:05	4:00	7:00
Tuesday thru Tuesday	4:00	7:00	

Cast: Jeremy Renner, Rachel Weisz

Spy film, Action • Rated PG13

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## Gay man pressured to date wants co-workers to back off

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 29-year-old gay man. In my community, coming out at work isn't an option. I really like my job and want to keep it. However, a female colleague is not only trying to persuade me that the two of us would make a good pair, but she has gotten all of our co-workers involved. I'm constantly pressured by my supervisor to "just go out with her and give her a chance."

I have already told everyone, including her, that I'm not interested in mixing my personal life with my professional one, and I want to come to work only to work—not upgrade my marital status. However, because of my unwillingness to do what they "recommend," the pressure from everyone has gotten worse. I dread coming to the office.

Would it be unethical to hire a "girlfriend" to stop by the office next week to bring me my lunch? Maybe if I kiss and hug her as I say goodbye, my co-workers will finally back off. If not this, can you recommend something else?

CAN'T COME OUT IN TEXAS

**DEAR CAN'T COME OUT:** You have described a classic example of sexual harassment and a hostile work environment. Your co-workers and supervisor may consider themselves to be "Cupid's helpers," but their actions could be the basis for a lawsuit. That you are gay has nothing to do with it. If you were straight and preferred not to involve yourself in an office romance that could turn out badly, or felt no chemistry with your aggressor, what is being done to you is intolerable. It's embarrassing and distracts you from your job.

Document everything. Go to your supervisor's boss if necessary and state plainly that you need help to put a stop to this. You do not have to explain why you're not attracted to this desperate woman. If it isn't stopped, talk with an attorney.

I do NOT recommend hiring anyone to pose as a girlfriend, or you may have to put her under long-term contract, which could be expensive in more ways than one.

■ ■ ■

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a problem that I don't know how to deal with and I'm hoping you can come up with a solution.

I'm undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer. I'm happy to say that I'm doing well. I have a chemo session every two weeks, and afterward there is a bag I wear for two more days that pumps additional medicine into me. I do what I can to keep the bag out of sight, but it isn't easy. Sometimes the tubing works itself loose and hangs down a bit.

My problem is people seem to feel free to ask me what it's for, and it's really embarrassing. I don't know these people, and for heaven's sake, why would they feel they have the right to ask such a personal question? Some of them have approached me and asked loudly, "Hey! What's that for?" Then they stand there waiting for me to answer the question.

Going through chemo is hard enough physically and psychologically. I don't need some ignorant clod asking me about something so personal. Some won't take no for an answer. Do you have any ideas on how to deal with this? Every time it happens I feel depressed and upset.

TRYING TO COPE

**DEAR TRYING TO COPE:** Say, "I'm being treated for a medical condition." And if the person then asks what it is, say, "It's personal. And if it was any of your business, you'd already know the answer to that question."

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Dear Abby

## Actor Crowe gets lift after getting lost kayaking

NEW YORK (AP)—Oscar-winning actor Russell Crowe lost his way kayaking in the waters off New York's Long Island and was picked up by a U.S. Coast Guard boat and ferried to a harbor, officials said Sunday.

The 48-year-old actor was kayaking with a friend and launched from Cold Spring Harbor Saturday afternoon on the Long Island Sound, according to U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Robert Swieciki. As it got dark, the two got lost and eventually headed for shore, beaching their kayaks in Huntington Bay, nearly 10 miles east from where they had set out.

The U.S. Coast Guard was patrolling the area, and heard Crowe call out to them from the shore around 10 p.m., Swieciki said. The "Gladiator" actor and his friend, who Swieciki didn't recognize, paddled over to the boat. The Coast Guard officers pulled them up and, along with their kayaks, gave them a ride to Huntington Harbor.



In an April 12, 2010 file photo actor Russell Crowe smiles as he is interviewed, after being honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles.

"He just needed a little bit of help, he just got a little lost," Swieciki said. "It wasn't really a rescue, really, more of just giving someone a lift."

Swieciki said no one was injured, and the two men were wearing life vests. He said the actor, who was grateful and friendly, seemed like he was a fairly experienced kayaker.

Crowe sent a Twitter message about 1:30 a.m. Sunday thanking the officers, and saying he was out on the water four and a half hours.

"Thanks to Seth and the boys from the US Coast Guard for guiding the way...4 hrs 30 mins, 7m(11.2km)," he wrote.

Crowe is on Long Island filming a new movie called "Noah" in Oyster Bay. The biblical epic is directed by Darren Aronofsky and scheduled for release in 2014.

Crowe won an Academy Award for best actor for his role as a Roman soldier called Maximus in "Gladiator."

## Dionne Warwick mourns death of lyricist Hal David

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dionne Warwick is comparing the death of lyricist Hal David to the loss of a relative.

The pop diva issued a statement Sunday after David died Saturday

in Los Angeles at age 91.

Warwick says she feels "as if I have lost another family member, but knowing I will always have him with me each time I sing the lyrics ... will continue

to bring me a sense of him being with me always."

David partnered with composer Burt Bacharach on dozens of timeless hits sung by Warwick, including "What the

World Needs Now is Love" and "I Say a Little Prayer."

Bacharach said in a statement that David's lyrics of "A House Is Not a Home" or "Alfie" are "as good as you can get."

## 'Possession' takes control in slow movie weekend

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The fright flick "The Possession" has scared up a No. 1 debut with \$17.7 million from Friday to Sunday over the long Labor Day weekend.

The Lionsgate release led

the last weekend of a fairly quiet season for Hollywood, with attendance down 4 percent from summer 2011, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

Opening in second-place with

\$9.7 million was the Weinstein Co. bootlegging drama "Lawless," starring Shia LaBeouf.

"The Expendables 2" pulled in \$8.8 million, falling to No. 3 after two weekends as the top draw at theaters.

Expanding to more theaters, the anti-Barack Obama documentary "2016: Obama's America" added to its haul as a surprise mini-hit leading up the presidential election. "Obama's America" was No. 9 with \$5.1 million, raising its domestic total to \$18.3 million.

## Run DMC reunites for Philadelphia music festival

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Run DMC performed for the first time in over a decade Sunday at the Made In America festival.

Under a video banner that read "Jam Master Jay Forever,"

the Queens, N.Y., natives rocked tens of thousands of fans at the festival in Philadelphia.

The 40-minute set included "It's Tricky" to a sea of flailing arms, Run putting on Adidas

for "My Adidas," and a rocking version of "Walk This Way." Perhaps the most poignant moment came when Run talked about the group's breakup following the death of Jam Master Jay.

"After his assassination ... We put a silence on the group," Run said.

Jam Master Jay, Run DMC's longtime DJ, was fatally shot in 2002.

Run introduced Jay's sons T.J. and Jam Master J'Son, who performed "some beats."

O'er Me."

Fittingly, the band ended with Neil Young's "Keep on Rockin' in the Free World."

In keeping with the festival theme, Vedder said he wants to see more made in America wares and encouraged people to vote.

## Jay-Z joins Pearl Jam on stage for '99 Problems'

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Pearl Jam has closed the two-day Budweiser Made In America Festival, but not before the man who put it all together joined the band on stage.

After frontman Eddie Vedder

thanked Jay-Z for the festival, the megastar came out and joined the group for a rocking version of "99 Problems."

Pearl Jam performed an intense 25-song set that saw tens

of thousands of fans jumping, dancing, and singing to its well-known tracks including "Alive," "Better Man," and "Jeremy." The group also covered the Clash's "Know Your Rights," and The Who's "Love Reign



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# Roddick beats Fognini to postpone retirement



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Knowing

full well each match could be his last, Andy Roddick is putting on a show while soaking up every moment along the way.

So when he pounded a forehand passing shot to seize a 20-stroke point Sunday, Roddick thrust both arms overhead, motioning to the full house of U.S. Open spectators to make even more noise. Moments later, after hitting a winning volley, Roddick wagged his right index finger while chugging back to the baseline.

Channeling his inner Jimmy Connors, Roddick is having a grand ol' time at his retirement party—and he's not done yet.

Winning a second consecutive match since announcing the U.S. Open will be the last tournament of his career, 2003 champion Roddick stuck around at least a little longer by getting past 59th-ranked Fabio Fognini of Italy 7-5, 7-6 (1), 4-6, 6-4 in the third round Sunday.

"I'd be an idiot not to use the crowd right now. It's a huge advantage," Roddick said. "Each match is almost like it's another memory."

What comes next could really be memorable. In the fourth round Tuesday, the last American man to win a Grand Slam title will face 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro, who defeated Leonardo Mayer 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (9) in an all-Argentine match that featured one particularly noteworthy point. In the tiebreaker, Mayer smacked a backhand that somehow ricocheted off the top of a net post and landed in the court—but del Potro was unfazed, got the ball back and wound up winning the point.

"I'm going to have to serve well, kind of try to rush him a little bit," Roddick said about del Potro. "When he gets into a groove and has time, he'll put a hurt on the ball."

Looking ahead himself, del Potro wasn't about to get too sentimental about Roddick's impending departure from tennis.

"I know this is special, this day, for him, but I'm doing my

job," said the seventh-seeded del Potro, whose major trophy is the only of the past 30 that wasn't won by Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal or Novak Djokovic.

"The crowd loves Andy here," del Potro said, "and they have respect (for me)."

Djokovic, the defending champion, beat No. 31 Julien Benneteau in straight sets and will meet No. 18 Stanislas Wawrinka for a quarterfinal berth. Also advancing: No. 4 David Ferrer, who got past two-time major champion Lleyton Hewitt 7-6 (9), 4-6, 6-3, 6-0 and now meets No. 13 Richard Gasquet, who eliminated two-time NCAA champion Steve Johnson 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-3; and No. 8 Janko Tipsarevic, who will face the winner of Sunday night's last match between No. 9 John Isner of the United States and No. 19 Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany.

In women's action, Maria Sharapova got back to the U.S. Open quarterfinals for the first time since winning the 2006 title, taking control of a back-and-forth match after a 75-minute rain delay and beating No. 19 Nadia Petrova 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 on Sunday night.

Sharapova will play No. 11 Marion Bartoli, the 2007 Wimbledon runner-up, who came back to defeat 2011 Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova 1-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Top-seeded Victoria Azarenka beat 73rd-ranked Anna Tatishvili 6-2, 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows for the first time. Azarenka has dropped only 10 games through four matches heading into a showdown against defending champion Sam Stosur, a 6-4, 6-4 winner over 18-year-old Laura Robson of Britain, whose breakthrough run included wins against past major champions Kim Clijsters and Li Na.

Robson beat Clijsters in the second round Wednesday, sending the 29-year-old Belgian into retirement. It was the next day, Roddick's 30th birthday, that he surprisingly let the world know he had decided to walk away from the sport whenever this visit to Flushing Meadows ends.

Sunday just so happened to be five-time U.S. Open champion



Andy Roddick celebrates after beating Italy's Fabio Fognini in the third round of play at the 2012 US Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, in New York.

Connors' 60th birthday—and on the very same date in 1991, Connors celebrated his 39th by coming back to beat Aaron Krickstein in five sets to reach the quarterfinals in New York, a match replayed often during rain delays in more recent times. Connors, who later briefly coached Roddick, was at his rabble-rousing, crowd-goaded best on that day 21 years ago; in one of those nice twists, Roddick was in New York then, a kid who was treated to tickets as a present to celebrate his ninth birthday.

"That was my first taste of live tennis, and it was that run," Roddick recalled, "so that's as good as it gets."

He and Fognini provided their own brand of entertainment, even though Roddick is not at his best because of an aching right shoulder. A couple of months ago, Roddick lowered the tension in his racket strings so he could, he explained while pointing to that shoulder, "get a little sling action in it and help the old Hamburger Helper here."

Asked how that key part of his body feels, Roddick said: "It's not great. But, you know, it's good enough. I've got, max, a week of tennis left, so it's good enough for that."

An element of Roddick's appeal, in addition to an ability to play tennis well enough to reach five Grand Slam finals and get to No. 1 in the ATP rankings, is his showmanship and quickness with a quip.

Dealing with a series of injuries, Roddick dropped out of the top 20 in February, then slid to No. 34 in March, his lowest ranking since 2001. A balky right hamstring forced Roddick to retire during his second-round match at the Australian Open in January, and he lost in the first round at the French Open and third round at Wimbledon.

The 20th-seeded Roddick certainly won't be favored against del Potro. But Roddick is into the fourth round for the ninth time in 13 appearances in the U.S. Open, and he's 8-0 so far.

"He benefits from playing at

home," said Fognini, who hugged his good pal up at the net after losing and asked for one of Roddick's shirts as a memento.

"If I really force myself to pick a winner, I'd give del Potro a 51 percent chance, because he is playing well and he's confident," Fognini said. "But on the other hand, Roddick wants to end his career on a high note."

Fognini is a real character, too, and he conjured up one tremendous, full-sprint, back-to-the-net, between-the-legs shot; after Roddick replied with a lunging volley winner into the open court to end the point, Fognini chucked his racket all the way to the service box.

"That's about as cleanly as you can hit a between-the-legs passing shot. He hit the thing from Jersey and almost won the point," Roddick said. "That was fun."

There was more, including when Fognini stuck his mug right up against a TV camera after one point; requested instant-replay challenges of two

stroke that was just as pure, and that's what Oosthuizen is capable of doing. Remember, he won the British Open at St. Andrews in 2010 by seven shots.

Woods again didn't make as many putts as he thought he could, and even a short birdie on the 16th left him nervous until it curled in. He still managed a 68 and was six shots behind, along with Dustin Johnson, who kept alive his hopes of being picked for the Ryder Cup with a 65.

Oosthuizen's birdie streak featured four putts of at least 20 feet, including a 40-footer at No. 8. It reached a point that on a 20-foot birdie on the 11th for his eighth in a row, he was

faults on another (both serves were, indeed, out); and kept up a stream of sailor-language muttering in Italian.

Roddick appeared sluggish at times, and his big serve—he once owned the record for fastest, at 155 mph—wasn't always what it can be. Fognini, who at 5-foot-10 is four inches shorter than Roddick, actually wound up with more aces, 15 to 10.

"I was surprised; he's one of the best servers in the world," Fognini said.

The key came in the second-set tiebreaker, when Fognini took the first point, and Roddick the rest.

At 1-all, Roddick really came alive, as did the partisan group in the stands, when he smacked a winner and gestured vigorously.

"I played that point perfectly. It was so pretty, it should have been framed," Fognini said with a smile, "and he ruined it with a down-the-line passing shot that was crazy."

Roddick followed that with a pair of aces at 126 mph and 131 mph and pretty much was on his way.

There was the third-set blip, of course, but otherwise Roddick stayed steady, breaking Fognini twice in a row in the fourth and raising his clenched right fist overhead after going up 4-3.

After Fognini missed a backhand return on match point, Roddick rolled his head back and raised both arms overhead, then swatted a ball into the stands.

Roddick answered the fans' standing ovation with one of his own, clapping overhead while standing near the middle of the court. When he sat in his change-over chair, Roddick exhaled a couple of times, taking it all in.

"You're kind of smiling, humming, whistling, walking around, and you feel pretty good about it. All of a sudden, you have to say good bye to someone. It's like this gut-check moment. It's these extreme emotions from five minutes to the next five minutes," Roddick said, describing the past few days. "You think you know what's going on, but I don't think there's any way to prepare yourself for it."

shocked when it didn't fall.

"Every putt had perfect speed," said Oosthuizen, who made four putts of at least 20 feet during his streak of birdies. "I told Rory, 'Sorry, but you've got to take it when you can.'"

The exchange they had on the 11th hole indicated what kind of performance this was.

Oosthuizen covered the flag on one of the toughest par 3s at the TPC Boston, though the ball settled 20 feet behind the cup and he narrowly missed. McIlroy followed with a beautiful swing of his own, a towering shot that drew gently and stopped 6 feet behind the cup for birdie.

## Oosthuizen races out to big lead in Boston

**NORTON, Mass.** (AP)—Louis Oosthuizen knows what it's like to hit every shot right where he's aiming and to stand over every putt believing it will go in. He once shot a 57 on his home course at Mossel Bay in South Africa, a number he wears on the left sleeve of his shirt.

For about two hours Sunday in the Deutsche Bank Championship, that's how it felt.

Oosthuizen ran off seven straight birdies, a streak that began after he nearly three-putted from 5 feet. He shot 29

on the front nine of the TPC Boston. He didn't miss a green until the 17th hole. That's all it took to race by PGA champion Rory McIlroy, leave Tiger Woods behind and seize control going into the Labor Day finish.

Oosthuizen had an 8-under 63, establishing tournament records for consecutive birdies, low front nine and a 54-hole score of 19-under 194.

"Probably the start anyone would dream of on that front nine," Oosthuizen said. "I made

everything, so you get those days where you just look at a putt and you hole it. That was my first nine holes."

The back nine wasn't bad, and it included one brief scare when he felt a twinge in his back when he went after a 9-iron on the 16th. The ache was gone on the 18th, and he rolled in one last birdie to keep McIlroy from getting even closer.

McIlroy, trying to match Woods with his third PGA Tour win this year, did well

just to stay in range.

"You think going out with a one-shot lead and shooting 67 that you ... might still be in the lead going into the last day," McIlroy said. "But Louis put on a display out there for a few holes, reeling off seven birdies in a row. It was great to watch. Louis is the sort of player that can do that. He's very explosive and he didn't really put a foot wrong today. Very happy that I'm still in touching distance going into tomorrow."

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# Indians can't match Rangers rookie, fall 8-3



**CLEVELAND—** Jurickson Profar made quite a debut at age 19, homering in his first major league at-bat and doubling his next time up as the Texas Rangers beat Cleveland 8-3 Sunday.

Profar opened the third inning with a drive over the right-field wall, connecting on a 2-1 pitch from Zach McAllister (5-6). The teen finished 2 for 4 as a late substitute after second baseman Ian Kinsler was scratched with a stiff back.

Josh Hamilton, Adrian Beltre and David Murphy all hit solo home runs in the Texas fifth.

Derek Holland (10-6) gave up two runs over seven innings as the AL West-leading Rangers took two of three in the series. Texas matched its best record through 133 games, having also gone 79-54 in 1999.

Profar is the first player to homer his first time up in a Rangers uniform. The last player to do it in franchise history was Brant Alyea for the Washington Senators in 1965. The Senators moved to Texas in 1972.

## Athletics 6, Red Sox 2

In Oakland, Calif., Seth Smith hit a two-run homer, Stephen Drew hit his first home run since joining Oakland and the Athletics beat Boston for their season-best ninth straight win.

Brett Anderson (3-0) won his third straight start since returning from a 14-month absence to recover from Tommy John surgery. It was a big boost for the AL wild-card leading A's down the stretch after losing Bartolo Colon to a 50-game suspension.

This is the club's longest winning run since 10 in a row from June 8-18, 2006, the last year the A's reached the playoffs.

The A's won their eighth in a row against the Red Sox [team stats] to match their longest winning streak in the rivalry since the Philadelphia A's did so May 2-28, 1932.

Daisuke Matsuzaka (1-4) was tagged for six runs and seven hits in 3 2-3 innings.

## Orioles 8, Yankees 3

In New York, Mark Reynolds hit a three-run shot in the sixth inning for his second two-homer game of the weekend series and the Baltimore Orioles closed in on the AL East-leading New York Yankees.

Randy Wolf (1-0) made his first appearance for Baltimore when starter Chris Tillman left with right elbow stiffness after the third inning. He helped the Orioles pull within two games of the Yankees with 3 1-3 effective innings.

Reynolds made the ballpark in the Bronx his personal launching pad in this key matchup between the top two teams in the division. He homered twice in Friday's victory then got Baltimore on the scoreboard Sunday when he hit a mammoth drive leading off the fifth inning.

Reynolds' 16th homer with none out in the sixth finished Hughes (13-12) and put Baltimore ahead 5-3.

## Rays 9, Blue Jays 4

In Toronto, David Price earned his AL-leading 17th victory by pitching 6 2-3 solid innings and Ben Francisco homered in his first start for Tampa Bay as



went 5-1 on a swing through Houston and Chicago—the two worst teams in the NL Central.

The Giants took advantage of a bout of wildness by Carlos Marmol (2-3) to grab the lead in the ninth.

## Dodgers 5, Diamondbacks 4

In Los Angeles, Adrian Gonzalez doubled in the tying and winning runs in the bottom of the ninth inning, lifting the Los Angeles Dodgers over Arizona.

Gonzalez lined an 0-2 pitch into the right-field corner off J.J. Putz (1-5) after Mark Ellis singled with one out and Shane Victorino walked.

Ronald Belisario (4-1) pitched a scoreless ninth and struck out three while allowing a double to Chris Johnson.

Matt Kemp ran up to Gonzalez and tossed a container of water on him during an on-field postgame interview. Gonzalez had struggled since being traded to the Dodgers from Boston on Aug. 25.

## Brewers 12, Pirates 8

In Milwaukee, Ryan Braun hit his NL-leading 37th home run, pitcher Yovani Gallardo also connected and the Milwaukee Brewers sent Pittsburgh to its 10th loss in 13 games.

Jeff Bianchi, Rickie Weeks and Carlos Gomez also connected as Milwaukee tied a season high with five home runs.

Garrett Jones, Michael McKenry and Gaby Sanchez homered for the wild card-contending Pirates, who got swept in the three-game series.

Pirates starter James McDonald (12-7) was tagged for eight runs and six hits in 2 2-3 innings. He struck out six, but was tagged for four home runs.

Milwaukee has won six in a row at home and 14 of its last 16 at Miller Park. Kameron Loe (5-4) picked up the victory in relief of Gallardo, who failed to complete the fifth inning.

John Axford closed out the game to earn his 23rd save.

## Mets 5, Marlins 1

In Miami, Jason Bay hit his fifth career grand slam in the Mets' five-run first inning and New York earned a three-game sweep over Miami.

Chris Young (4-7) allowed one run and five hits in five innings. He walked one and struck out three as the Mets won for the seventh time in eight games.

The Mets wasted little time in getting to Mark Buehrle (12-12).

## Rockies 11, Padres 10

In Denver, Chris Nelson had a go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh inning and the Colorado Rockies overcame a career-best six RBIs by Chase Headley to beat San Diego Padres.

Tyler Colvin and Ramon Hernandez also homered and Dexter Fowler had three hits and two RBIs for the Rockies.

Headley drove in at least one run with each of his four hits, including his 23rd homer of the season, a two-run shot in the first inning. Alexi Amarista had a career-best five hits for the Padres, who had a season-high 20 on the day.

Guillermo Moscoso (1-1) retired the only batter he faced to close the seventh, and Rafael Betancourt gave up three consecutive two-out hits in the ninth—including an RBI single by Amarista—before getting Chris Denorfia to ground out for his 27th save.

Nelson homered off Brad Brach (1-4).

save in 12 chances.

## Tigers 4, White Sox 2

In Detroit, Justin Verlander shut down Chicago after the first inning and Delmon Young hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the sixth to lift the Tigers to a share of first place in the AL Central.

Alejandro De Aza hit Verlander's second pitch of the night over the wall in right field, but the Detroit ace was outstanding after that. Verlander (13-7) allowed four hits in eight innings, striking out 11 with two walks. The Tigers swept the three-game series to pull even with the White Sox atop the division.

Chris Sale (15-6) allowed four runs and five hits in six innings.

Jose Valverde allowed a run in the ninth but held on for his 28th save in 32 chances.

## Phillies 8, Braves 7

In Atlanta, Chipper Jones hit a three-run homer off Jonathan Papelbon with two outs in the ninth inning, capping a five-run rally that sent the Atlanta Braves over the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Phillies led 7-3 entering the ninth and seemed set to complete a three-game sweep.

Instead, the Braves boosted their wild-card position, coming back against Jeremy Horst and Papelbon (3-6).

Reed Johnson singled off Horst with one out for his third hit and Paul Janish walked. Papelbon struck out pinch hitter Lyle Overbay before walking Michael Bourn to load the bases.

Martin Prado's grounder skipped past third baseman Kevin Frandsen for a two-run double before Jones hit his 14th home run deep into the right-field seats.

The blown save was the fourth in 35 chances for Papelbon.

Peter Moylan (1-0) got one out for the win.

The Phillies scored five times in the first and pitcher Cole Hamels added a two-run double in the third as the Phillies made it 7-1.

## Nationals 4, Cardinals 3

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg allowed two hits over six scoreless innings, striking out nine before being pulled as the Washington Nationals beat St. Louis.

The NL East-leading Nationals took three of four from St. Louis and passed their 80-win total from last season.

Strasburg, rocked for seven runs last Tuesday at Miami, left with a 2-0 lead and a 2.94 ERA. He threw 97 pitches and wound up with a no-decision.

The 23-year-old Strasburg has struck out a league-leading 195 in 156 1-3 innings this season. The Nationals have repeatedly stated they intend on shutting him down in his first full season since undergoing Tommy John surgery in 2010.

After the game, manager Davey Johnson indicated Strasburg has two starts left.

Ryan Mattheus (2-3) got the win and Tyler Clippard worked the ninth for his 29th save. Lance Lynn (13-6) got the loss.

## Reds 5, Astros 3

In Houston, Jay Bruce's three-run homer keyed Cincinnati's five-run eighth inning and the NL Central-leading Reds rallied past Houston.

Bruce's 29th homer came against Xavier Cedeno (0-1).

Bruce, who is from nearby Beaumont, Texas, has three homers and 10 RBIs in nine games at Houston this season.

Jose Arredondo (6-2) allowed two hits and two runs in the seventh and Arredondo Chapman pitched a perfect ninth for his 34th save.

## Giants 7, Cubs 5

In Chicago, Angel Pagan hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the ninth inning and the NL West-leading San Francisco Giants closed out a successful road trip by beating the Cubs.

Santiago Casilla (6-5) pitched an inning to get the victory and Javier Lopez [stats] got the final two outs for his sixth save in eight chances. The Giants

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blood in the first period of the finals, but Wild Bill's found a quick answer moments later.

The teams went back and forth a second time near the midpoint of the match, but Wild Bill's turned it on during the latter portion and hung tough for the win.

Before the big game, Wild Bill's started strong out of the gate with a 6-3 victory over Femme Fatale (0-2) and then made it past Just For Fun (1-2), 5-3, before earning twice-to-beat advantage in the finals with a huge, 5-4, win over none other than Cosmos.

Cosmos took its aggression out on Team Fiesta (2-2) in the lower bracket semifinals, 8-2, and although they came up short against the champions in the main event, still went away with a nice \$200 cash prize. Fiesta turned in a nice run and shared a \$100 third prize.

The matches were played under three 10-minute periods and a total of seven teams turned out for the tourney.

Individual awardees included male and female Golden Boot winners Jeeraphong and Femme Fatale's Irish Pagaro, while team FC Tanzawa (1-2) was presented with the Fair Play award. Hagun Daggan (1-2) completed the field.

Jeeraphong shined in the competition with 12 goals and young up-and-comer Pagaro netted three against some stiff competition.

In addition to the trophies and prize money, various raffle prizes also were also handed out to participants throughout the event.

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## Wushin Express snaps losing skid

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Wushin Express is derailed no more.

After losing three straight games, Wushin Express is back on track, following an 88-70 victory over Mawati in the second match in the 2012 DLX/Gualo Rai Invitational Basketball League last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Wushin Express now has a 2-3 record and remains in contention for the playoff spots in Pool A. Only the Top 4 teams will march into the playoffs and Wushin Express is in fifth place in the nine-team field, just one win behind the fourth-ranked KFC/Taco Bell (3-2), and third-running MBI (3-1) and San Antonio (3-1).

Mawati is at the No. 8 spot with its 1-4 record and will need a miracle to make it to the next round. It failed to keep its playoff hopes alive, as after controlling the first half of its game against Wushin, Mawati started to melt down midway in the third canto and totally collapsed in the fourth period.

Mawati was in front at the break, 39-33, and hung in there in the first five minutes of the second half before Rocyl Ritual, Raymark Castro, and Pete Lizama teamed up in stealing the lead, 48-47, with 4:48 left in the third. The trio combined for 13 of Wushin's first 15 points in the third period with Ritual's basket putting the team on top. Ferdie Tobias also contributed in the third, drilling Wushin's last 4 points to stretch their advantage to 3 at the end of that canto, 59-56.

Mawati lost the lead and the momentum of the game in the third, as no one was willing to take charge on offense and they waited for each other to make a move until they were time pressured to pull up a shot. Mawati also committed a blunder when it brought Arjay

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were calculated into his net count.

Juan Pan Guerrero came out on the short end of a tiebreaker with Moses and settled for third place. Guerrero carded a 91 that was trimmed down to a 61 after factoring his 21-handicap and nine high-low deduction.

Chang, meanwhile, finished her round with a gross 94 that was shaved down to a 59 net total after her 25-handicap and 10 high-low deduction adjustments were taken into account.

She held off runner-up Yuni Park by a stroke, while Sherlyn Jones' 87 gross filtered into a 63 net that narrowly beat out Matilde Hocog via scorecard tiebreaker.

In other results, Sen. Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) bested 22 other B Flight golf-



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Wushin Express' Roger Herrera looks for a teammate to pass the ball to as two Mawati defenders challenge him during the third quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Nonato back to the bench in the final four minutes of the third canto. Nonato scored 11 points in the third half and added 5 in the third before he sat out.

The forward also did not start for Mawati in the fourth quarter and his team continued to struggle on offense, while Wushin launched an 11-4 run in the first four minutes of the final canto to build its first double-digit lead, 70-60.

Ivan Devero, who missed a lot of shots in the first half and had only one field goal in the third, finally got into his rhythm, scoring six of Wushin's first 11 points. He went on to fire 12 markers in the fourth canto alone, as Wushin's lead ballooned to as much as 20 points, 84-64, entering the last two minutes of the game.

Devero led four other Wushin play-

ers with a gross tally of 85 that worked into a 59 net score.

Young up-and-comer Luther Taylor edged out Diego Benavente in a tight battle for second place.

Both golfers grossed an 86 and both held identical handicap and high-low factors of 15 and 10. However, Taylor seized second prize after four playoff holes.

Ernest Sablan topped the 19-player C Flight with an 84 gross total that was trimmed down to a 50 net score.

Eleven-year-old Jun Suk Kim came out on top of a nice battle for second place over veteran Joe Itibus.

Kim jotted down an 88 and came out with a 54-net score that mirrored Itibus, and although the latter held a stronger stroke play total of 84, Kim came out on the topside of the tiebreaker.

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White, in an email sent to NMASA members, said the additional clauses were "direct results of DCCA Secretary Faisao's [Melvin Faisao] attempt to hijack NMASA earlier this year."

The NMASA head was referring to Faisao's previous statement that "Executive Order 94-3 placed the said agency

ers in double digits with his 22 markers. Ritual added 21, Lizama chipped in 13, and Tobias and Castro contributed 10 each.

Nonato paced Wushin with his 18 markers, but was held to only one field goal in the fourth, failing to get his form back after sitting out the third period.

## Freestyle 67, Looban 59

In the Pool B game last Friday, Freestyle snapped Looban's three-game winning run.

Clayton Kenty debuted for Freestyle and lifted his team to an important win after scoring 15 points. Freestyle improved to a 3-2 record, boosting its playoff chances, as it currently occupies the fourth spot behind Looban (3-1), LD Prime (3-1), and Anjie's Boys (5-1).

Freestyle got off to a good start in last weekend's make-up game, taking an 18-8 lead. Dennis Morales drilled 8 of his 14 markers in the first period, while Kenty had 6 to give Freestyle an early double-digit lead.

The advantage went to as high as 18 points in the second canto before Looban tried to launch a comeback in the second half and still fell short.

## Friday's Game

Freestyle 67 – Kenty 15, Cruz 14, Morales 14, Yalung 8, Detera 6, Brennan 5, Alejandro 2.

Looban 59 – De Leon 16, De Guzman 15, Montano 9, Tabamo 8, Dayrit 5, Loste 2, Mateo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-8, 38-24, 49-43, 67-59.

## Saturday's Game

Wushin Express 88 – Devero 22, Ritual 21, Lizama 13, Tobias 10, Castro 10, Villasan 5, Tibayan 4, Herrera 3.

Mawati 70 – Nonato 18, Serrano 16, Enriquez 10, Dela Cruz 8, Reyes 4, Tepepe 3.

Scoring by quarters: 14-18, 33-39, 59-56, 88-70.

Visitors-Enthusiastically.

Tourism is the main source of revenue for the CNMI and MTEC's goal is to prepare future generations who want to enter into the industry and begin fruitful careers.

Notably, Docomo president and CEO Jay Shedd, general manager James Nelson, and newly-hired CTO Atsunori Kubota were also on hand to present the prizes to the winners.

The trio addressed the crowd and announced future plans of improving its services after recently acquiring Marianas Cable Vision.

Although there were no hole-in-one winners over the weekend a multitude of raffle prizes, provided by 36 different sponsors, were handed out during the awards banquet held after the tournament.

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